Dear Prof. John M. Seddon,

I was very honored to have been granted with an EBSA bursary, which gave me the opportunity to attend the 12th EBSA/10th ICBP-IUPAP Congress in Madrid.

During the 5 days of the congress, I had the opportunity to attend a large number of great lecturers in a wide variety of topics, including the plenary lectures of two Nobel Prize scientists. One of these lectures (Stefan Hell) was particularly inspiring for me, as it showed me a new vision of how we can investigate the cell complexity and architecture. Within the same topic, the Jennifer Lippincott´s lecture was also very interesting, showing the complexity of cell organization and the relevance in obtaining such information from state-of-the-art techniques such as FIB-SEM. At the more molecular level, Eva Nogales´s plenary lecture gave a great overview of how cryo-EM techniques can provide detailed information of the architecture and structure at atomic resolution of protein supercomplexes.

From the wide variety of lectures and talks offered in the congress, I was particularly interested in those that were selected in the scientific sessions that were more related with my thesis topic such as macromolecular complexes, protein folding, new frontiers in bioimaging, single molecule biophysics, live imaging and optical microscopy and liquid-liquid phase separation in biological systems. In all cases, I found the talks highly interesting and I feel I could learn something from each of the talks that I was lucky to attend.

In addition, during the poster sessions, I was able to present and discuss my research with a number of scientists from whom I could obtain relevant feedback. Finally, during the congress, there were many opportunities to interact with other researchers, which helped me to expand the network for new collaborations and for exchanging views of different scientific topics in a very relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

Yours sincerely,

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