

Nothing quite compares to attending an international conference when it comes to sharing information, discussing research results, and getting to know new people. This has certainly been the case for the 2014 Biennial Meeting of the American Society for Matrix Biology (Cleveland, Ohio). As such, it was a great honor to be selected as a recipient of the ISMB International Travel Award. It was even more satisfying to present some of the recent work we have done on glycosaminoglycan synthesis defects in Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, and to get some valuable feedback from other researchers.

I enjoyed the overall quality of the work, and the excellent keynote presentations by some of the senior researchers. The organizing committee put together a very interesting scientific program. It was a great experience, and I hope to attend it again in the near future.