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It was indeed an enriching experience attending and presenting research from our laboratory at the ASMB meeting. It was a display of spectacular cutting-edge research in matrix biology by researchers from all around the globe in both poster and oral presentation sessions. The Career Mentoring Breakfast was a unique opportunity to learn from the established scientists about the trials and tribulations of their careers. It is always a delight to hear from the stalwarts about their research, but it was very impressive to listen to young investigators presenting the science that they pursue in their research groups. The ASMB Young Investigator Awardee, Dr. Sean Gill's presentation on the role of TIMP3 in lung injury was very informative and well received. I thoroughly enjoyed the sessions on "Biological Mechanisms and Impact of Matrix Cross-linking on Cellular Systems and Tissue Function" and "Pathobiology of Hyaluronan". The meeting provided a great platform to interact with both senior and junior investigators and exchange scientific thoughts and ideas. This was my first time at the meeting and I can already say with confidence that this is one worth attending every two years. I am grateful to ISMB for my selection as one of the three ISMB International Travel Award recipients at this meeting and thus supporting my participation at the ASMB Biennial Meeting.

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