

Highlights of the ASMB Biennial Meeting 2016

I really appreciate that ISMB awarded me a travel grant to attend the ASMB Biennial meeting, 13-16 November 2016, at St Petersburg in Florida. It was the first time I went to an American conference. I was a bit nervous, but more excited! I still remember that jet lag was a big challenge when I arrived. Luckily people there are very friendly and helpful, which made me getting better over time.

The schedule of conference was tight. Generally, scientific programs started at 8am, and finished about 8pm. As a result, more interesting talks can be fit into the tight schedule. I really like these talks. They nearly cover all aspects of the matrix research. Meanwhile, some of the research models are highly relevant to ours. As these are still unpublished, therefore it was a great opportunity for me to learn the cutting-edge techniques in the first place.

Also, I enjoyed presenting our project there very much. As our project was selected as a talk, therefore I presented both talk and poster. After my talk, a few scientists told me that our study brought new insights to their research. This is very encouraging to me. Also, when I presented the poster, some junior and senior researchers asked me a lot of the details of our study. They suggested me how they think about our findings, and also told me what they know that might be helpful to our further research.

Furthermore, there were several awards for junior and senior scientists. Surprisingly, there was a session for the winners of ASMB/ISMB travel grant to present and take a photo together, which is very special and thoughtful.

Overall, the ASMB conference is a very friendly and open platform to share your project with top researchers in the world. I am very looking forward to the ASMB 2018. Meanwhile I would like to encourage all researches to try your best to attend the ASMB 2018. As you will gain much more than what you expect!

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