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## International Society of Matrix Biology

First I would like to thank the International Society of Matrix Biology for this travel award that allowed me to attend the 7 lakes proteoglycans conference. This international meeting gathered PhD students, post docs and senior investigators working on proteoglycans. As a final year PhD student working on Heparan Sulfate sulfotransferases, it was a fantastic opportunity for me to show my results by giving an oral and a poster presentation.

I have met some researchers and students at the GRC Proteoglycans 2016 and it was excellent to catch up with what they have been working on. The environment was very friendly and the scientific content of the talks very inspiring. Professor Ralph Sanderson gave an excellent talk about chemoexosomes' (chemotherapy-induced exosomes) composition in heparanase and their implication in chemoresistance and Professor Jeremy Turnbull had very interesting data on Alzheimer disease and HS sulfotransferases and new results on HS-based compounds to inhibit BACE, a beta secretase which cleaves beta-amyloid precursor protein.

At the first poster session I had many suggestions and comments on my poster which will help my on-going work. It was very enjoyable to exchange ideas and hypothesis with a broad range of researchers with different background. The 7 lakes proteoglycans conference has been an excellent opportunity for me to enjoy excellent scientific discussions in a welcoming atmosphere. Finally I am very thankful to Professor Alberto Passi and Professor Nikos Karamanos who chaired this great meeting and awarded me the best oral presentation award. I would encourage young researchers like me to attend the next Proteoglycans conference that gathers a great community of outstanding and very welcoming scientists.

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