

Matrix Biology Europe 2018

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First of all, I would like to thank the ISMB for granting me a travel grant, which enabled me to participate in the MBE 2018 Conference in Manchester. I am studying at the University of Szeged as a last year PhD student, and I deal with collagen IV collagen COL4A1 mutations, and this conference gave me a fantastic opportunity to present my results in a poster presentation to the most experienced researchers in this field. It has helped my work so much that I can see many unpublished data that have given me new ideas for my future plans. It was especially useful that I could talk casually with foreign researchers, professors and PhD students from all over the world. I have received many inspirational opinions about my current research, which will surely help my work in the future. The atmosphere was excellent at the conference, and I got many new friends. It was a pleasure for me to build up many new cooperative relationships. I liked the common programs where we had open discussions all over the world. The Manchester Museum was beautiful, and it was a pleasure for me to get to the Old Trafford stadium I was looking forward to. Many people have come to the Manchester Conference, and it was a pleasure to see that so many people deal with the extracellular matrix in the world. It was a good feeling that I could meet both current and future researchers in the profession. I feel amazed at the many helpful advice and approaches. It is my pleasure to know that I have chosen an excellent research area and how much potential is in this topic. The number of options is endless, and I know that I can seek advice from all over the world, as many people are working in this field.

Overall, I've had very positive experiences at this conference. It was very good at organising, I met a lot of inspirational colleagues, and I managed to build new friendships and collaborations. I'm sure I chose a right way.

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