

## Endocrine Society and SAIC Collaborate at Joint Meeting in Argentina



In November 2017, Endocrine Society members joined researchers and clinicians from 10 Argentine scientific societies for the Joint Meeting of Argentine Bioscience Societies at the Palais Rouge in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The conference program included poster sessions, symposia, and plenary lectures by internationally recognized experts, including basic and clinical research sessions on topics such as G protein-coupled receptor signaling, stress and reproduction, and metabolic syndrome.

The Argentine Society for Clinical Investigation (SAIC), which was the organizing society for the meeting, is one of the main scientific societies in Argentina, bringing together researchers and scholars from various branches of biomedicine, building insights to translational medicine. The Endocrine Society collaborated with SAIC to deliver several unique sessions highlighting new endocrine research and providing educational opportunities for early career investigators. SAIC president, Graciela Cremaschi, PhD, and treasurer, Roxana Schillaci, PhD, were thrilled to work with the Endocrine Society on innovative new sessions for conference attendees. All of the joint sessions and activities had an energetic and engaged audience with enthusiastic questions and dialogue among presenters and attendees. Many of the attendees were young researchers, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students who gave very positive feedback on the SAIC and ENDO activities.

On November 15, Patricia Elizalde, PhD, and Claudia Pellizas, PhD, chaired a joint symposium “Integrating Genomic and Nongenomic Action of Nuclear Receptor Hormones in Physiology and Pathology.” Symposium speakers included

Endocrine Society members Sandra Incerpi, PhD, Richard Santen, MD, John Cidlowski, PhD, and Cecilia Proietti, PhD. Participants discussed new basic and clinical research on nuclear receptor hormones and took questions from the audience.

On November 16, Santen led a grant-writing workshop, “Grant Writing Pearls for Next-Gen Investigators.” Workshop participants received advice on how to clearly communicate their research to reviewers, with a focus on the specific aims section of grant applications. The workshop was filled to capacity, and participants had the opportunity to discuss specific grant-writing issues with Santen and other conference organizers.

Finally, the Endocrine Society and SAIC held a poster competition with a panel of judges including Endocrine Society Members Graciela Diaz, Elizalde, and Santen. The winner was Paula Aliberti, a PhD student from the Servicio de Endocrinología, Hospital de Pediatría Garrahan, CONICET and member of SAIC. Aliberti presented her work on “Gonadotropin independent steroidogenesis in the human prepubertal testis.” As winner, she will receive a complimentary registration to **ENDO 2018** in Chicago and an invitation to participate in the KnockOut Rounds Program.

The joint meeting offered the chance for the Endocrine Society to exchange information with attendees in an interdisciplinary setting and meet with international scientists at all career stages. For more information about the meeting and program, please see the conference website at [www.reunionbiociencias2017.com.ar](http://www.reunionbiociencias2017.com.ar).