

EB 2014- Personal Statement for ICPI Trainee Travel Award-Tania DasBanerjee

This year was the first time that I participated in an Experimental Biology meeting. Having been to several scientific conferences before, I was very impressed with the breadth of topics covered at the meeting which included neuropathology, cancer gene therapy, mechanisms of adaptive immunity and liver health, to name a few. Being a neuroscientist working in the arena of neurotoxicity due to environmental toxicants, I learned a lot about mechanisms of neuronal susceptibility to toxicants from the symposium conducted by Drs. Whitley and Kanthasamy. The talks in the Neurobiology of Disease symposium provided a very good background on different animal models of disease. Dr. Pagliarini's talk on MitoCarta was an eye-opener into the potential of uncharacterized but disease-related mitochondrial proteins. I also benefited immensely from the career development workshops on "Industry Scientist Positions- Interviewing Skills" and "Attitude and Behaviors- How are you perceived?" I want to sincerely thank ICPI for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this great experience!