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I did my PhD. in Dr. Arnaud Echard's lab (Membrane traffic and cell division lab, CNRS URA2582, Institut Pasteur, Paris). My research interest is to understand the role of the GTPase Rab35 and its effector OCRL, a PI(4,5)P2 5-phosphatase, during cytokinesis. We have shown that Rab35, through OCRL, regulates PI(4,5)P2 hydrolysis, which prevents F-actin accumulation in the intercellular bridge connecting the sister cells. This is essential for the final cut (abscission) (Dambournet et al, Nature Cell Biology, 2011).

During my PhD, I had the opportunity to go to several meetings but the ASCB really had a different scale: more than 3 000 researchers from all nationalities.

The symposia were organized to cover the complexity of the cell biology: from single molecules to the organization of the organism. Those conferences gave me the opportunity to discover new fields in cell biology.

On the meeting program, three words were written: present, learn and network. It's exactly what the ASCB meeting is about. The possibility to talk to researchers about their work from different areas was very stimulating. Presenting my results gave me the opportunity to get useful feedbacks on my work from researchers not only in my field. All these discussions gave me new ideas for future work in the lab. During the poster session and the technical workshop, I discussed with exhibitors to get insight on new devices that could be helpful for developing new approaches. The participation at the meeting also gave me the opportunity to discuss about my future postdoc position.

My participation in the ASCB meeting was fulfilling, both on the personal and professional level. I met enthusiastic cell biology researchers and I am very grateful to the SBCF and the ASCB for this amazing meeting.