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Thanks to a travel award received from the SBCF, *Société de Biologie Cellulaire de France*, I have attended the Annual American Society of Cell Biology meeting in Denver 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Therefore, I would like to thank the SBCF as well as the ASCB for paying my registration fee. Attending this meeting was a great experience, both on a scientific and personal level.

During the symposium, I was exposed to a broad-spectrum of multidisciplinary research (*molecular biology, cellular biology, biophysics, etc*). For instance, I saw a remarkable demonstration of how the cell establishes complex molecular interactions and mechanisms. The following are titles of talks that particularly interested me: The role of the spliceosome from M. Moore, The Rho GTPase signaling in tumor cell migration and invasion from C. Marshall, and The Drosophila embryo shaping from J.A. Zallen. I also would like to point out that the keynote lecture by Jennifer L. Schwart was an elegant and useful review of microscopic technics wherein she discussed the discovery of GFP and the use of FRAP and FLIP techniques.

During the diverse mini-symposiums, I had a great chance to improve my knowledge and discover new techniques and biological phenomena. Some topics that were new to me include: membrane fission and fusion and microtubules dynamics in migration or diseases such as *oculocerebrorenal syndrome of Lowe* and the *Hereditary Spastic Paraplegias*.

During my PhD, I am working on the human pathogenic yeast *Candida albicans*. I was really surprised to notice that only few laboratories using this model were also attending the meeting. It was thus an honor for me to present and discuss my results during my poster session. My poster presentation was highly attended, and I had great feedback for new experiments to carry out in this last year of my thesis research. The poster sessions were really impressive, and it was a great chance to exchange and discuss about science.

Finally, the workshops were useful on a more personal side. They gave allowed me to explore many career options and investigate the job markets and fellowship opportunities available in the US and Europe.

Again, I would like to thank both the SBCF and the ASCB, without whom this experience would never have been possible. Attending this great meeting, allowed me to discover new technologies and innovative research. During 5 intensive days, it was a real pleasure for learning and networking.