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## SfN 2018 report

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The 48th Annual meeting of the American Society for Neuroscience (SfN) was held in San Diego, USA in 2018. With great honor, I was selected for the travel award by the Japan Neuroscience Society to present my research in this meeting. SfN is the largest neuroscience meeting in the world, and it attracts global neuroscience researchers to communicate with each other in this meeting. This year, over 30 thousand people attended this meeting.



Neuroscience 2018 attendance

On the first day (Nov 3th), together with the other young researchers who received the travel fellowships or awards from SfN or their home country, I attended the International Fellows Orientation Session. We introduced ourselves in the beginning and then received suggestions about how to present and to communicate with other people in the meeting. We even practiced how to hook up with strangers in a limited time in order to fully make use of the precious social opportunities in this meeting. In the evening all the international fellows had an opportunities to present their own research in the International Fellows Poster Session. In this session I visited several interesting posters and talked with other awardees with diverse backgrounds. Standing in front of my poster, I tried hard to explain my research and got many feedback about my research. I always like the atmosphere to learn from excellent peers and turn their successful experiences into my application. It's also a good opportunity to make friends and share the experiences and worries in research career.

Since in SfN there were so many sessions in different locations and so many topics were covered, I used the SfN app to make plan before each day, so that I felt less dizzy in the plenary talks, numerous mini-symposiums, nano-symposiums, and the poster sessions. The most impressive talk I heard was given by Dr. Mala Murthy from Princeton University, since my research is quite related with her topic. She studies the auditory communication between male and females in fruit flies and the sensorimotor transformation in their complex behavioral interaction. In her talk, she systematically

reviewed her work in the past several years, by representing a great and rapid advance in the fly auditory field. She also shared her philosophy and approach, which I think were the most valuable to me.

On Nov 6th, I presented my research in the poster session, and I was glad that many people came to my poster and shared their opinions. Especially several fly researchers came to my poster and communicated with me in depth. Unfortunately there were not so many talks and posters about fly research in this meeting. It may indicate that fly research in USA is a minority and we have to think about how fly research can contribute to neuroscience and how to communicate the importance of fly research with other people.

Finally I'd like to express my gratefulness to Japan Neuroscience Society, which sponsored my first attendance to SfN. This is a great opportunity to go outside to communicate with global

researchers and to see the newest trends in neuroscience. I highly recommend other young students to apply for this opportunity.



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