

## Welcome

In the context of the COVID19 pandemic, the XXXV Annual Meeting of the Argentinian Society for Neuroscience Research took place under a **virtual** format, opening an opportunity to widely reach the neuroscience community in Argentina and abroad.

Conserving the classical structure the meeting included **plenary lectures**, **symposia**, **young investigator talks** and **poster presentations**, as well as **round tables** discussing career advancement, work environment topics and a special event dedicated to LATBrain (Latin American Brain Iniciative).

The meeting was supported, as every year, on the principles of **scientific excellence** and **nationwide representation**, with a special emphasis in gender equality.

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# Program

	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9
9:00 - 11:00	<b>Symposia Wed-S1 to Wed-S4:</b> Beckwith & de la Fuente, Falzone & Jerusalinsky, Kochen, Rayes.	Symposia Thu-S5 to Thu- S9: Amador, Bellini, Bianchi & Kamienkowski, Locatelli & Sumbre, Rossetti.	<b>Symposia Fri-S10 to Fri-S14:</b> Espósito & Morgenstern, Goldin, Pigino, Berardino & Sonzogni, Tagliazucchi
11:30 - 12:30	"Eduardo De Robertis" Plenary Lecture Gustavo Murer: What mechanisms underlie Parkinson's disease symptoms?	Plenary Lecture: Zhigang He: From axon regeneration to function recovery after CNS injury	Plenary Lecture: Tracy Bale: 50 years since Leloir's Nobel: Maternal stress and energy signals critical to neurodevelopment.
12:30 - 13:30			
13:30 - 14:30	Políticas de Ciencia y Técnica en Argentina	Latbrain Initiative	IBRO LARC CEPAL: Gender Survey Results
14:30 - 15:30	Young Investigator Talks: Wed-YIT-1 to Wed-YIT-4	Young Investigator Talks: Thu-YIT-5 to Thu-YIT-8	Oral Communications
16:00 - 17:00	Plenary Lecture: Kay Tye: Neural Representations of Social Homeostasis	"Hector Maldonado" Plenary Lecture: Sheena Josselyn: Making memories in mice.	"Ranwell Caputto" Plenary Lecture: Juana Pasquini: Cinco décadas de Neurociencias en América Latina: Siguiendo los pasos de Ranwel Caputto
17:00 - 19:30	E-Poster Session 1	E-Poster Session 2	E-Poster Session 3
19:30 - 21:00	Looking for a postdoc abroad? Tips for international postdoc interviews.	Asamblea SAN	

### **E**-Posters

COGNITION, BEHAVIOR AND MEMORY

### Caloric restriction recovered cerebellar motor and cognitive abilities in aged rats

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The beneficial effects of caloric restriction would work through epigenetic processes, but this is largely unexplored. Here, we examine the hypothesis that CR recovers learning and motor coordination associated to changes in Bdnf and TrkB DNA methylation, in old rats. For that, male Holtzman rats -young (3-mo-old, n=8), old (22-mo-old, n=9), both fed adlibitum, and 18-mo-old rats fed a 40% calorie restricted diet for 3 months (n=4)- were kept under 12h-light: 12h-dark, 22-24 °C and water ad-libitum. Performing the Single Reaching Pellet test, we observed that the percentage of the total success rate and the quality of the first attempt during performance are significantly lower in the old compared to the young and old rats with CR (p < 0.05). As a control the olfactory sense and mood of the animals, the Buried Food Pellet and Corner Test were performed respectively. Samples (n=6) of cerebellar DNA from the three groups, were examined by bisulfite sequencing at CpG sites in regulatory regions in exons 3 and 9 of Bdnf and exon 1 of TrkB genes, to measure methylation with base-specificity. We observed 89 to 100% methylation at the CpG site in exon 9 of Bdnf gene, with no significant differences between groups. Methylations were not detected at the CpG sites in exon 3 of Bdnf nor exon 1 of TrkB gene, in any of the experimental groups. Our results show there is no association between cognitive CR benefits and CpG methylation of cerebellar Bdnf and TrkB genes in the studied exons.