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I would like to thank the Society for Reproduction and Fertility for giving me the opportunity, through a travel grant, to attend and present my research at the 9th International Congress of Neuroendocrinology that was held in Toronto, Canada in July. This meeting focused on neuroendocrine regulation in a variety of contexts, namely reproduction, metabolism, timing and stress.

During the meeting, I presented an aspect of my current research on seasonal control of neuroendocrine reproductive mechanisms in mammals through a poster titled “Photoperiodic and Triiodothyronine Regulation of Hypothalamic DNA Methyltransferase Expression”. This was my first international conference, and it gave me the opportunity to attend lectures from pioneering researchers in the field, such as Dr Takashi Yoshimura’s talk on photoreceptor physiology and Dr Fran Ebling’s talk on the importance of tanycytes during reproductive periods in seasonal breeding species. In addition, I was able start my career network by meeting and exchanging ideas with fellow scientists in the field.

I strongly recommend this conference to any researcher who works in the field of neuroendocrinology, and am looking forward to the next ICN meeting which will be held in Glasgow, Scotland in 2021.

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