

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the winners of the *Toxins* Travel Award for 2017. We had planned to fund two awards, but the quality of the applications was stellar, and we couldn't narrow down the winners to just two!

Travel Award was granted to: Dr. Marco Pirazzini, a postdoctoral researcher in Dr. Cesare Montecucco's lab, University of Padova, Italy; Dr. Natalie Saez, a postdoctoral researcher in Dr. Glenn King's lab, University of Queensland, Australia; and Ms. Rachel A. Miller, PhD student in Dr. Martin Wiedmann's lab, Cornell University, USA.

Dr. Marco Pirazzini studies the molecular mechanism of action of botulinal neurotoxins expressed by *Clostridium botulinum*.

Dr. Natalie Saez's work focuses on the interactions of toxins expressed by arachnids and insects with acid-sensing channels and voltage-gated sodium channels.

Ms. Rachel A. Miller's research focuses on the distribution, regulation, and contributions to pathogenicity, of toxins produced by *Bacillus cereus* and *nontyphoidal Salmonella*.

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