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I am very grateful to ECNP for giving me the opportunity to visit the laboratory of Professor Per Svenningsson at Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Professor Svenningsson for the hospitality and warm welcome to his laboratory. His extraordinary intellect, inimitable work ethics, and kind nature are truly inspiring.

I felt part of the team. The dedication to science and the generosity in shearing knowledge was breathtaking.

I would now like to proceed with the elaboration of the practical work I have done in the laboratory. I have participated in the preparation and cultivation of primary neuronal cultures from rat embryos. I have also done immunocytochemistry procedures, learned the technique of isolation of synaptosomes, and several other analytical techniques. The wonderful diversity of scientific backgrounds exists in the laboratory, thus it was a great pleasure to participate in the lab meeting, where I witnessed a masterful presentation of a current project.

Besides the practical experience, the human contact was invaluable. I met extraordinary people, and this meant the most to me. I hope for a productive collaboration in the near future, for which groundwork has already been established. In this regard, I would especially like to thank Dr. Vesna Lazarevic, who guided me through the laboratory work during my internship and with whom I will extensively collaborate on my PhD thesis.

In the end, I would also like to emphasize the unique dedication and care of ECNP toward junior scientists. ECNP research internship was a wonderful experience, and I strongly encourage young researchers to apply to it.

