**Invitation Letter**

Dear Young Neuroscientists,

We are delighted to invite you to the 2nd Brainstorming Research Assembly for Young Neuroscientists (BraYn) conference, which will be held in Milan, Italy, on November 14th-16th 2019. Inspired and organized by researchers under the age of 40 from different backgrounds and with different scientific approaches, our meeting aims establish connections between the future protagonists of neuroscience.

Every day, young Neuroscientists face the difficulties of carrying out their research at several levels; our conference is intended to be a useful meeting point to maximise our scientific investigation to its full potential. The philosophy of the conference is simple: to meet, connect, collaborate and share. Indeed we need to encourage cooperation among different research groups in order to broaden our horizons, and to contribute to the improvement in quality of research.

The first edition of the BraYn Conference was held in Genoa (Italy) in June 28th-29th, 2018. The conference registered 310 attendees, and it was supported by 19 biotech companies. The second edition will take place in Milan (Italy) in November 14th-16th, 2019. We anticipate the attendance of over 500 delegates, which will also include experienced senior leaders (mentors and invited speakers) from different disciplines of neuroscience including neuroimmunology, neuronal plasticity, neurodegeneration, and neuro-oncology who will show the most recent advances in these fields.

The venue of the Congress will be the “Mario Negri” institute for Pharmacological Research, located in the north of Milan. Also, we warmly invite you to explore the benefits of participating as a sponsor and/or exhibitor. On behalf of the organizing committee, we look forward to seeing all of you very soon. Mark your calendar and join us in Genoa, because the BraYn conference is waiting for you.

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