

## Feedback for the Advanced School and Workshop on Axonal Transport and Neurodegeneration:

### 1. Summary.

The Advanced School and Workshop included several days of advanced, didactic lectures at IIT in Mumbai for the graduate students and postdocs, laying the groundwork for the most current questions in the field. This was followed by the research-intensive Workshop portion in Mahabaleshwar, which was comprised of research seminar talks by the PIs on a range of topics spanning the molecular, cellular and developmental biology of neurodegenerative disorders. The talks in both portions were unusually lively, vigorous and interactive, with regular questions interjected, particularly by the students. At the Workshop, research posters were presented, allowing the students to describe their research to the PIs and get ideas and feedback.

### 2. My role in the School.

I was an invited foreign participant. I delivered one didactic lecture in Mumbai, titled, “Historical Perspectives and Current Questions”, and two research talks at the Workshop portion in Mahabaleshwar, entitled “Mitochondrial Transport, Metabolism and ROS Production in Disease Models” and “Location and Organization of Features of the Mitochondrial Life Cycle in Neurons”. I engaged in numerous daily discussions with the other PIs and the graduate students, and attended and discussed all of the research poster presentations.

### 3. Overall organization.

The meeting was well-organized, including the travel and accommodations for foreign speakers, the lecture sessions, and the transit between the 2 sites. The overall design of the scientific program – which maximized interaction and discussions between PIs and students – was very effective.

### 4. Suggestions.

There is little that could be done to improve this meeting. US visitors would have benefited from some early advice about visas.

I am grateful to have been invited. It was a privilege to participate in this unique forum at a very exciting time in the history of the life sciences in India.

Sincerely yours,

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