**Feedback to the student presentations – June 2017**

I acknowledge the fact that all of you took these presentations as a challenge and tried to do her/his best to accomplish the task. Some of you were really outstanding, demonstrating very good communication skills and the ability to plan very interesting presentation in group dealing with quite complex topics in the neuroscience field. I’ve also appreciated very much your participation to the peer-reviewer process. Please find below some feedback on your presentations – I hope the comments can help all of you to further develop your communication skills in neuroscience.

**Presentation on Neurogenesis and metabolism**

**Briguglio M.**

**Di Rienzo M.**

The level/quality of the presentation in general is good; I think it is a good idea to have an outline of the presentation because it helps in following the whole story. However, there is no good coordination/integration between the two speakers (sign of poor team work) and there is no clear reference and contextualization to the main paper (the review chosen). At the end, even if the presentation is full of relevant information it’s difficult to grasp the main concept of the story.

M. Briguglio - very fluent in English – much emphasis has been put on the metabolic pathways and not on the neurogenesis

Di Renzo Marta –your presentation was not very effective – you should try to better organize your talk, to focus on some specific aspects and maybe try to simplify what you want to communicate. Also, you should try to look at people while you are talking.

Peers comments:

-The presentation was good but perhaps too long. I can’t get the point very well and i was not too involved in the presentation. Presenters were good, the english too.

-Matteo Briguglio: fluent English and very good pronunciation, good capabilities to expose concepts: it would be better just a bit more “enthusiasm”, in my opinion.

Marta Di Renzo: she could give much more just with more self-confidence, maybe just a schedule could be a good way to improve its: good English!

More collaboration gives more results, however good presentation in subjects and design.

- It was evident that Matteo and Marta were not able to work together on the presentation even because a direct link between the two parts was missing. I'd have appreciate that Matteo had introduced also the second part, just to have from the beginning a general idea on the topic. The slides were good because simple, but I didn't like the dark background and the dimensions of the figures.

Nothing to say on Matteo's exposition that was clear and quiet, instead I'd have appreciate that Marta had tried to expose without papers in her hands even if she wasn't so well prepared

- Briguglio Matteo: My suggestion is to try to be more addictive, because using a low voice tone for all the presentation doesn’t involve too much the audience.

Di Renzo Marta: Try to don’t know by memory all the slide and the presentation. Just remember the main points for each slide/figure that you have to explain and it will be more easy for the audience to follow you and also the work that you have to do to learn the presentation will be less heavy.

In general the topic was interesting, but my suggestion is to use less images in the slides. This will help who is following you and will help the understanding of the topic.

Marta and Matteo, have had more difficulty in presenting the job probably because of the distance

a good presentation, maybe in some slides the schemes were too much detailed and it was difficult to read

Briguglio Matteo: the english was very good and also the ability to explain was good, he was able to focalize the attention

Di Renzo Marta: the english was good, unfortunately maybe marta lost a little bit in some parts that resulted less clear

Matteo: good English pronunciation, ability to convey information and summarize concepts. With a deeper insight into the material presented, it could guarantee better results.

Marta: Good general slide quality, though in some cases dispersive.

Greater fluidity and incisiveness in exposure could ensure better performance. In any case, she demonstrated a good knowledge of the subject matter.

**Presentation on Proneural proteins**

**Canicatti Viviana**

**Celeste Nicola**

The level of the presentation is very good. Efficient integration of the two speakers; both very clear and able to communicate the main concepts of the review! Excellent use of already acquired knowledge and additional material to introduce the topic and integrate the information contained in the review.

Viviana and Celeste grasped the concept of the review and find an efficient way to transfer it to the colleagues using meaningful examples with a good level of creativity. Very good team work!

Peers comments

-  I really liked Viviana and Celeste's presentation that was clear both for the presentation and explanation. In particular Celeste was very easy to follow and I liked that she always looked at the audience. Also Viviana was really good in her enthusiasm to describe results. Maybe they could add a short introduction of the topic.

-Canicatti Viviana: I think that the presentation was good. It was easy to follow you and the explanation was clear. Nicola Celeste: As for Viviana, the presentation was good as the explanation of the results. The suggestion for both is maybe to try to look to all the audience when you are speaking, not only the teacher. I know it’s difficult but this will help to get the attention of all the audience. Anyway, the presentation was very good and well done.

Viviana and Celeste have made a presentation too long but, they have

demonstrated to work well in pairs.

Viviana was the best presenter because she has demonstrated to speak strong and clear in English.

Very well done presentation, clear and smart both the speakers were able to treat the argument in a clear way, very good english

Canicatti Viviana: Good English pronunciation, ability to convey information and summarize concepts. Significant fluidity and incisiveness in touching the multiple aspects of the review.

Celeste Nicola: Good English Pronunciation, Ability to transmit Information and summarize concepts. A greater insight into the material presented could provide better results.

Slide well edited both in graphics and content, linear between first and second part.

**Presentation on the Interplay between neurons and glia at the synapse**

**Ghibaudi M**

**Stajano D**

Good team work and good integration between the two speakers – Marco and Daniele were able to efficiently frame their topic – they understood the main message of the review and were able to present some meaningful example with a good level of creativity and very good communication skills.

Specific:

Ghibaudi M – very clear presentation! You gave many information that is good for a general overview of the topic but the risk is that the audience can be lost…so you can chose to show in the slide many molecules or pathways and just comment on a few of them to give examples spending a few words that will be more informative.

Stajano D – very good communication skills! Very good description of the figures. The last description on X-fragile syndrome was interesting but out of topic.

Peer comments:

-The presetation was good, both slides and speech. I easly got the point. Presenters were clear and their english was good.

-Marco Ghibaudi: fluent English and good pronunciation, good explanation and easy to follow: nice presence.

Daniele Stajano: fluent English and good pronunciation, good capabilities to expose concepts and results with a good competence: nice presence.

Great collaboration, good presentation in subjects and design: in my opinion efficient!

I liked that Marco and Daniele's presentation was divided in several "steps" and that they recalled for each part a sort of summary.  Something maybe too much animations in the power point. Both of them were clear in exposition and I appreciated that they also talked about "future prospectives". NO negative considerations.

Marco and Daniele did one of the best presentations because they have demonstrated to work very well in pairs, recalling during the presentation and making a more interactive power point to draw the attention of spectators

very well done presentation, clear and smart

both the speakers were able to treat the argument in a clear way, very good english

**Presentation on Adult neurogenesis and Brain plasticity**

**Bozkurt D**

**Mulè F**

**Rossi F**

The presentation in general is good but with little integration among the different parts – the topic of the review does not emerge clearly – poor team work

Bozkurt D. – use of the first person in describing work done by others is not appropriate. You gave us information but from your presentation it was not clear your level of understating of the topic you were discussing. You should try to work on your communication skills trying to be more effective.

Rossi F – very good communication skills and creativity

Mulè F – good communication skills – try to be more confident in yourself

Peers comments:

-I found ths presentation very good and well organized. The english of presenters was good too and I got well the point. Perhaps too long but it is probably due to the fact that there was a major number of presenters.

-Fabiana Rossi: fluent English and good pronunciation, very nice to follow with great capacities to explain clear and efficient concepts and results: nice presence!

Francesca Mulè: fluent English and good background and explanations, just a bit more persuasive but a good performance!

Dondu Bozkurt: good English, she could give much more with more self-confidence, sometimes it could be better show just the most important points and less results.

It would be better more collaboration: good presentation in subjects and design (very nice) but a bit difficult to follow at the end.

-Mulè Francesca: Try to use a higher voice tone to help the audience to follow better what you want to say and look to all the people and not only the teacher when you are speaking.

Rossi Fabiana: I think the presentation was good and you involve the audience to listen to you.

Bözkurt Dondu: Try to be less shy. Using a higher voice tone and look to the audience will help to follow you and what you are saying.

In general the presentation was good and interesting. I would use more “clean” slides (maybe more images and less written parts) in order to help the audience to get the main points. Follow a slide with a lot of informations is harder I think. Anyway the work was well done.

some slides in the presentation are well done and clear, other maybe full of results and less organized

Mulè Francesca: very good english, she was able to treat the argument in a clear way

Rossi Fabiana: very good english and also the ability to entertain, clear and interesting

Bözkurt Dondu: the english was good, unfortunately some times speak in public can create embarrassment, I tasted that sensation on my skin, I can suggest to prepare the talk before, or maybe the major point to discuss

Mulè Francesca: Good English pronunciation and understanding of the subject. Greater exposure security and visibility could provide better performance.

Rossi Fabiana: Good English pronunciation, ability to convey information and summarize concepts. I also enjoyed the incisiveness and the capacity for entertainment.

Bözkurt Dondu: Good English Pronunciation. Greater exposure security could provide better performance.

Good slide quality in general.

**Presentation on Tuning neural circuits by Interneurons**

**Filippo Michelon**

**Zuccarini Giulia**

Very good presentation, good team work!! The topic was very efficiently framed – Giulia and Filippo grasped the main concepts of the review and were able to present some relevant example with a good level of competence and creativity.

Filippo Michelon - very good communication skills and creativity

Zuccarini Giulia - good communication skills and competence in the subject

Peers comments:

-The presentation was well organized. The speech was clear and the time was good. I easly got the point.

-Filippo Michelon: fluent English and good pronunciation, very nice to follow with good capacities to explain concepts and to give a global vision of the story: nice enthusiasm and presence!

Giulia Zuccarini: fluent English and good pronunciation, very clear with good capacities to explain results: good background and nice presence.

Great collaboration, good presentation in subjects and design: in my opinion efficient!

-As the others also Giulia and Filippo were good and their topic really interesting. I have to point out that the slides were too full of images or animations and for this sometimes I lost my attention. I liked the way Filippo exposed, it was a sign that he was very comfortable with what he was saying. Also Giulia were clear even if she always look at you and no to the whole class.

-Michelon Filippo: I think you presented the work in a good way and the topics that you explained were clear.

Zuccarini Giulia: Good work as for Filippo. You involve the audience to follow you and the slides were clear.In general your work was good and you made a good team work. It was easy to follow you and the presentation was clear.

Giulia and Filippo did a very good job because they were able to connect well all the points

in their topic and they explained the subject in a very precise way.

Zuccarini Giulia: Good pronunciation of English, ability to convey information and summarize concepts. From the exposure of the experimental results it is clear that thanks to the previous training activity she is already above the average on this aspects.

Michelon Filippo: Good English pronunciation, ability to convey information and summarize concepts. I also enjoyed the incisiveness and the capacity for entertainment.

Good slide processing both in graphics and content. The distribution of the presentation between the two speakers helped me to keep the attention high.