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Dear Colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of *Brain Sciences*, it is my pleasure to announce the winners of the 2021 Best PhD Thesis Award. This award is for three PhD students or recently qualified PhD who have produced a highly anticipated thesis with great academic potential.

2021 BEST PHD THESIS AWARD WINNERS

The award has been granted to:

“CYP2D in the Brain Alters Response to Drugs and Neurotoxins”, by Dr. Marlaina R. Stocco, University of California, USA;

“Neural Encoding of Prior Experience in Sensorimotor Behavior”, by Dr. Nicolas Meirhaeghe, Institut de Neurosciences de la Timone, Marseille, France;

“Perinatal Stem Cell: Epigenetic, Biological and Differentiative Characteristics”, by Dr. Giulia Gaggi, University “G.D’Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara, Italy.

Each winner will receive CHF 500, a certificate, and a chance to publish a paper free of charge after peer review in *Brain Sciences* in 2023.

On behalf of the evaluation committee, I would like to congratulate the winners on their accomplishments. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the applicants for submitting their exceptional theses and the Award Committee for voting and helping with this award.

Prof. Dr. Stephen D. Meriney
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