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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Travel Award.

The award has been granted to the following researchers.

Dr. Carlo Matera graduated with a degree in *Pharmaceutical Chemistry and Technology* at the University of Milan, where he also obtained a PhD in *Medicinal Chemistry* in 2010 after defending his thesis on the development of bifunctional modulators of nicotinic and dopamine receptors. He obtained a postdoctoral position funded by the EU Human Brain Project in a group led by Prof. Pau Gorostiza at the Institute for Bioengineering of Catalonia, where he began his studies in the field of photopharmacology in 2015. Since October 2020, Carlo Matera has been working as a researcher at the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of Milan.

Dr. Ilaria Tonazzini is currently a researcher at Nanoscience Institute—National Research Council (CNR) @ NEST in Pisa. She obtained her Master's degree cum laude in Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies and her PhD in Drug Science from the University of Pisa (IT). As a postdoc, she worked at the Institute for the Study of Nanostructured Materials—CNR in Bologna (IT) and then at the Scuola Normale Superiore and Nanoscience Institute—CNR at the NEST laboratory in Pisa. Her research focuses on the development of biocompatible nanostructured materials for the treatment of the peripheral nervous system and approaches to combat central nervous system diseases.

Dr. Elisabetta Coppi obtained her Master's degree cum laude in Biological Science at the University of Florence, Italy, in 2003. She obtained her PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology in April 2007 under the supervision of Prof. Felicità Pedata, University of Florence, Italy, and Prof. Alasdair Gibb, University College London, UK. She is presently a postdoctoral fellow in the same group, where she is involved in research projects under Prof. Pedata's supervision at the University of Florence, and she spent a year at UCL as a guest researcher in Prof. Gibb's laboratory. Her research focuses on the role of the neuromodulator adenosine and its receptors in modulating synaptic transmission and myelination in the central nervous system.

With so many high-quality applicants, the evaluation process and final decision were challenging. We would like to thank all the applicants for submitting such a diverse and fascinating range of research topics. On behalf of the assessment committee, I congratulate the winners on their accomplishments.

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