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### THE BRAIN RESEARCH FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 11TH ANNUAL NEUROSCIENCE DAY POSTER COMPETITION

CHICAGO – DECEMBER 23, 2010 The Brain Research Foundation today announced the winners of the 11th Annual Neuroscience Day Poster Competition held earlier this month. Winners were chosen from more than 40 entries classified by graduate students and postdoctoral candidates. Two winners were chosen from each category.

#### The two graduate student winners were:

- **Angela Viaene, MD, PhD**, a graduate student at the University of Chicago, who presented her research on synaptic properties of thalamic input to layers 2/3 in primary somatosensory and auditory cortices.
- **Scott DeBoer, MD, PhD**, also a graduate student at the University of Chicago, presented his research on APP polarization and processing in neurons.

#### The two postdoctoral winners were:

- **Baris Genc, PhD**, of Northwestern University, who showcased research involving growth factor/drug mediated CSMN survival.
- **Claire Piochon, PhD**, of the University of Chicago, shared her findings from her research on Purkinje cell NMDA receptors and how they assume a key role in synaptic gain control in the mature cerebellum.

The winners were chosen by judges from various Chicago neurological research institutions and received \$500 for their winning submissions.

#### About Neuroscience Day

This unique forum is in its eleventh year and provides members of the Chicago area neuroscience community with opportunities to share interests in an informal setting and to stimulate scientific interactions between universities. Neuroscience Day consists of a poster presentation session of reviewed posters for general discussion and evaluation, and a lecture program featuring top neuroscience researchers.

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The Brain Research Foundation supports cutting-edge neuroscience research and programming that leads to novel treatments and prevention of all neurological diseases in children and adults. We deliver this commitment through seed grants, which provide initial funding for innovative research projects, as well as educational programs for researchers and the general public.

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