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It was a great pleasure and honor to take part in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Chinese Neuroscience Society in Xi'an. I was very grateful for the opportunity to give a short talk during the warm-up event at the IBRO-Funded Youth Forum, which was an excellent opportunity to present my research and connect with other young scientists in a relaxed atmosphere, since it was on the day before the actual meeting started.

The meeting program itself was truly inspiring. The Plenary Lectures by some of the top scientists gave really exciting insights into the newest research and their great progress over time. The Symposium sessions were just as engaging, covering a wide range of fascinating topics in neuroscience. I really enjoyed listening to these talks and discussions. I found them very motivating – I honestly hope that one day I'll also be such great researcher and able to take part in one of these sessions as a presenter.

Finally, the location of Xi'an made the meeting especially memorable. As a historically rich city and former capital of China, it offered a fascinating cultural backdrop that made the entire experience even more enjoyable.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience, both scientifically and personally, and I am very thankful for having had the chance to participate.



