Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is María Laura Marcos, I am a biotechnologist and I am a phD candidate of the National University of General San Martín, Buenos Aires, Argentina. I am currently in my third year of study following the program of the Doctorate in Applied Sciences and Engineering.

My specific subject is the evolution of proteins. During my research I have been trying to elucidate the role of natural selection in the evolutionary divergence of the proteins structure. So far I have found that, against the common belief that the natural selection governs molecular evolution, the patterns observed in nature are just the physical response of proteins structure to random mutations.

I believe that attending the SMBE meeting would be a unique experience, very enriching and inspiring for my scientific career. I consider the meeting would let me share my investigation with prestigious researchers from different groups and with different perspectives of molecular evolution in order to get their view and enrich my investigation. Moreover, It would be the first time I would attend and present a poster at an international conference, which is a very exciting experience and one of the goals of my phD program. Lastly, I believe that the message of my research is absolutely notable and very important to give a step forward in understanding molecular evolution.