Eric Mead and Apollo Robbins Perform – So We Heard

Neuroscience Meeting in our hometown of Chicago, Illinois.

We didn't get a program until we opened our carry bag during the first seminar on Saturday morning.

We were listening to Dr. Tracy Bale from the University of Pennsylvania (giving a talk entitled “Role of Bovine Ovaries, the Epigenome, and Other Tales of Reproduction.”

Here, we can't be so picky on our part. The Epigenome conference was at least better for us to add one day to our routine and for the rest of the public to come again next week.

So, we're not too sure about it. By the third day, we actually tried to work out our own routine, and it turned out we enjoyed it.

Anyway, the Epigenome lecture was the best of our two or three in the second conference: Saturday morning.

We didn't want to ruin by leaving after the first speaker, so we stayed for the full show.

We enjoyed the GAABA inhibitory neuron discussions but who wouldn't.

If you come at all about getting past the testbeds that the heterogeneity of GAABA, it's our taste of routine.

And while it's rocket science, let's not kid ourselves, the complexity of the GAABA neurons – even with today's modern neuroscience engineering and gene-targeting technologies – is formidable.

It was nice to hear the only one having troubles activating GAABA neurons generally much less in a mouse.

Money issues company, we guess.

So, do the GAABA lecture ends and we check the program for the next event.

Ding!

We read that Eric Mead and Apollo Robbins will be performing as part of a lecture on very near two events over at the McCormick Place. The lecture involved fascinating dialogues between Neuroscience and Society Magic. The Brain, and the Mind.

We practically drove down the street and got to the front of the event. We've seen the last day of the event.

There was an incredible line of scientists and neuroscientists gearing up for the next event.

We ran across the sidewalk and almost two necks looking for a taxi.

Who would have thought it would be tough to find a taxi at lunch hour outside a busy hotel in Chicago?

We bought street food in front of the entrance about half the next day and it just turned out that the event was both rude and disappointing.

The scientists wouldn't care about the ride part – they've got roads, they have to answer to the taxi drivers.

No, the delay would come from the scientists trying to figure out what we did.

Was it genetic, behavioral, irrational, aberrant?

See how nice it will be when the Epigenome is here?

Anyway, we missed the show and were depressed. We heard almost a thousand scientists made it to the event and everyone loved it. There are some highlights from the USA Today article.

Mr. Mead and Mr. Robbins were trying to show how the mind accepts or attempts to deal with deception.

"We are trying to develop a machine or something to equip them with an apparatus, when they apply insights about perception and perception to do that," says Stephen Macknik, director of the Laboratory of Behavioral Neurophysiology at Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, in a piece in the USA Today.

"So, we want to push their powers and use them to increase brain discovery."

Dr. Macknik said there are great similarities between behavioral neurophysiologists and magicians.

"Magicians basically do the same things we try to do in the lab but they do it at a much faster rate. It's an incredibly rapid version of what we're doing in the lab," he told the USA Today.

Well, we didn't get to see it, we did get great seats for the 2010 lecture back at the Hyatt but the presenter did not perform a single trick, not even a flourish.

What a rip-off! You would think people who design mass transit seats would figure out a way to let attendees get from one lecture to another or at least give us chances to ease the pain.

The closest we came to cheese was found in our shoes after our taxi ride.