

## **BAD/DC SAS Travel Fellowship - World Congress of Dermatology, Milan 2019**

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I was fortunate to receive Travel fellowship award from British Association of Dermatologists to attend World Congress Dermatology 2019 in Milan, Italy. This was my first international dermatology meeting abroad. With special interest in Photodermatology and Laser, I had enrolled myself to three Laser workshops in this conference, to enhance my knowledge and skill in this field and to keep myself up-to-date with recent developments.

The meeting programme was very well organised and catered to the full spectrum of dermatological sub-specialties. One of the biggest challenges was to decide which session to attend as many interesting sessions would be running simultaneously.

The meeting focussed on major breakthroughs and advances in Dermatology, ranging from clinical practice to research, technology and innovation. It brought together international experts to share professional experiences, knowledge and skills for improving patient care. The objective of this conference was to deliver an accessible blend of clinical, practical and scientific education that would allow the participants to manage the patients in a better way.

There was an assembly of an innovative, wide-ranging and truly global programme of symposia, workshops and courses delivered by the leading specialists in their fields. This was complemented by the invited and keynote plenary speakers of the highest calibre, from around the world. I attended these workshops, courses and plenary lectures from outstanding international dermatologists, to be able to include the gained knowledge in my day to day practice as well as teaching.

The lectures on clinical progress and new developments in several photodermatoses including photoallergy were the highlight lectures for me in Photodermatology. It was interesting to note that while in UK, we come across several cases of Chronic Actinic dermatitis, dermatologists in Europe hardly see any in their clinical practice.

I had my two abstracts accepted in the category of "Late-Breaking Abstracts that highlight truly novel and substantive scientific findings".

1. A re-audit of Influenza vaccination in patients on immunosuppressive therapy for dermatological diseases
2. Telephonic survey for the outcome of desensitisation Narrowband Ultraviolet B Phototherapy in Erythropoietic Protoporphyrinuria

The opportunity to be able to attend and present my work in a prestigious international conference like World Congress dermatology, would be an impressive highlight in my CESR application.

Apart from attending the conference, I got the chance for sightseeing in and around Milan, including the breath-taking Lake Como. The city of Milan has been recognized as one of the world's four fashion capitals. It is not all about trendy shops and designer clothes. Among the city's many historical attractions are La Scala Opera, the Milan Cathedral, the National Museum of Science and Technology and Santa Maria della Grazie, the church that preserves da Vinci's "Last Supper".

I am grateful to the British Association of Dermatologists and Dowling Club for granting me this opportunity and I look forward to attending more such international meetings.



The Dermatology group from Wales in WCD 2019, Milan

