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It was a great honour to be granted the BAD/DC SAS Travel fellowship to attend, but also present my work at the 26th EADV Congress in Geneva in September 2017.

The scientific programme, as always at the EADV meetings, was an unmatched opportunity for continuing medical education and professional development through a multiplicity of sessions, including update on psoriasis treatment and atopic eczema, hair disorders, dermatologic surgery, psychodermatology, hidradenitis suppurativa, paediatric dermatology and cosmetic dermatology, that I had the opportunity to attend.

Experts from all over the world, such as Prof. Lidia Rudnicka, Dr Jerry Shapiro, Prof. Hassan Galadari, were there and I had the opportunity to listen to their pearls but also meet them after a long time and have a discussion, reinforcing old bonds but also nurturing new ones.

As an active participant of the congress, I presented orally and as e-posters my projects in hair disorders, psoriasis management and paradox reactions, psychodermatology and skin oncology. More specifically, I presented a retrospective clinical review of 40 patients with frontal fibrosing alopecia treated with intralesional triamcinolone injections. Furthermore, I reported two cases of a paradox development of pulmonary sarcoidosis and hidradenitis suppurativa respectively after treatment of psoriasis with biologics. Another presentation included the evaluation of the intensity of delusional belief and its response to treatment in 43 patients with delusional infestation and the final one included the potential causative role of trauma in a patient with multiple basal cell carcinomas. The feedback was excellent, making me more enthusiastic to deal with research and improve my presentation skills. There was also a lot of creative dialogue after the presentation, resulting in 360-degrees covering of the topic but also in meeting other colleagues from other countries and discussing their experience.

Finally, it was another opportunity to meet old and new friends and explore together beautiful Geneva, with its wonderful surrounding mountains and lakes, but also its historical and cultural background, its innovating high-tech industries reaching so far beyond delicious chocolate and cuckoo clocks. In addition, the old city centre with its treasures, the Reformation wall, wonderful museums and impressive collections, as well as the headquarters of both the International Red Cross and the United Nations, the CERN and the *jet d'eau* were just a must to visit. I have also to mention the amazing restaurants and the local wines, that we definitely indulged in.

Overall, I really enjoyed the conference and the whole experience and came away enthused and ready to put into practice everything I learnt. I would like to thank once more the BAD for their fellowship and I am looking forward to participating in more meetings in the future.

