

## BAD Dermatology Education Bursary Summer 2017

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I would like to thank the BAD for supporting my educational research with the first ever Education bursary for my research project: **“What are the local perspectives of the dermatovenereology specialist training curriculum in Ethiopia? – A qualitative grounded theory case study.”** I have been awarded a Master’s degree in medical education (MMedSci) with merit by the University of Nottingham, and the bursary has enabled me to perform my educational research and write my dissertation.

My project involved an initial visit to the dermatovenereology departments in Addis Ababa Ethiopia for a week in 2017. After my initial visit I formulated my research question and protocol and went back for a second week in 2018. During my second visit I performed interviews with the local residents and consultants to establish their perspectives about the local dermatovenereology specialist training curriculum. I analysed the data using grounded theory methodology with level 1 coding of raw data, which was then grouped into level 2 coding as broader themes, which was used to generate a more abstract overarching theory. I used NVIVO computer software, which is a data management system, used for qualitative research. I have some very interesting results, with level 2 broader categories relating to the curriculum development, curriculum delivery, curriculum assessment, and curriculum review and development. I hope to be able to use them to inform future curricula reviews in Ethiopia, but also to highlight results which may be relevant to other dermatology specialist training centres in similar circumstances worldwide.

I will present my project as an oral presentation at the Dermatology Teachers special interest group at the British Association of Dermatologists annual meeting in Liverpool on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

I would like to thank the local department in Ethiopia for supporting my research; they have been incredibly welcoming and supportive, including my Ethiopian supervisors, Dr Dagnachew Shibeshi and Dr Ahmed Mohammed Issa, as well as all the other consultants and residents who spent time with me. I would also like to congratulate the team locally on their incredible achievements of creating a successful dermatovenereology training programme, which did not exist before 2006, and is incredibly important for patient care in Ethiopia.

I also would like to thank all the people in the UK who have helped me which includes, but is not limited to, my supervisors from the UK, Dr Stephen Agius and Dr Murphy. Dr Murphy even travelled to Ethiopia with me for my second visit in 2018. You can see us standing outside the Armauer Hansen Research Institute, at the site of ALERT Hospital, and is named after Gerhard Henrik Armauer Hansen, a Norwegian physician, famous for identification of Mycobacterium leprae in 1873. Dr Richard Weller and his wife Julie were extremely helpful and welcoming, letting me stay at their house in Addis Ababa in 2017, and even cooking dinner for me! Dr Weller and Dr Sue Lewis-Jones have been involved with the department in Ethiopia for a long time and their knowledge of how things work was very helpful, they spent a long time on the phone to me to offer advice whenever I needed it.



Figure 1 Dr Murphy and I at AHRI



Figure 2 Consultants and residents at ALERT Hospital, Addis Ababa, at a teaching seminar