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Emirates Dermatology Society Fellowship 2019

I was granted the Emirates Dermatology Fellowship to enable my attendance at the Emirates Dermatology Conference in Dubai. Delegates from the Middle East and further afield attended for a comprehensive meeting covering dermatopathology, inflammatory, surgical, paediatric and cosmetic dermatology.

Leaving London on a cold November day to travel towards warm Dubai, armed with my sunscreen and my presentations 'Potential Pitfall of Basaloid Proliferation Encountered During Mohs Surgery' I arrived in UEA for 4 days of a unique experience. Meeting dermatologist from the Gulf, Egypt, Italy, Netherlands, USA and catching up with colleagues from the UK in a lovely environment was definitely the highlight. I presented an oral presentation on skin cancer and Mohs surgery which is one of my main interest and was really interested to discuss the topic with other participants especially as Mohs surgery is limited in the region.



The 3-day meeting programme was delivered by an esteemed, international faculty including several speakers from the UK. Particularly, I found the talks on acne by Dr Ketaki Bhate, dermatopathology by Dr Alister Robson and Dr Reem El Bahtimi very helpful. It was also very educational to listen to talks on lasers by Dr Albert Wolkerstorfer and on dermoscopy by Dr Nicola di Meo.

Asides from the conference, I managed to wander down the Dubai Marina for a beautiful evening walk after dinner and spend a late afternoon exploring the desert just outside Dubai and the magnificent red dunes. Seeing how this new country has developed was utterly fascinating.

I would like to thank both the Emirates Dermatology Society and British Association of Dermatologists for providing me with the opportunity to attend the Emirates Dermatology Society meeting in Dubai. Overall this was a highly valuable experience for me as a trainee, and it provided me with the opportunity to discuss and share our experiences and learn from others.