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BAD/DC Travel Fellowship, 23rd World Congress of Dermatology, Vancouver

I am extremely grateful to be awarded the BAD/DC Postgraduate Travel Fellowship to attend the 23rd World Congress of Dermatology in Vancouver. As the World congress of Dermatology is held only once every 4 years this was a unique opportunity for me to attend such a prestigious conference during my dermatology training. It was also a great privilege to have had two posters successfully accepted for this meeting including a case report entitled 'Erythroderma associated with dermatomyositis' and a historical and critical appraisal abstract entitled 'A critical appraisal of Mellanby's scabies transmission studies'.

This was my first trip to Vancouver and I was greeted by a beautiful vibrant city and great weather. The World Congress of Dermatology was held at the Vancouver Convention Centre which provided an ideal harbourfront location with breathtaking views.

The whole event was extremely well organized and all the presentations were all of an extremely high quality. The programme offered was extremely varied and there was a session on just about every dermatological condition or aspect you could wish for and I was therefore very spoilt for choice. In the end I decided to attend sessions where my current knowledge was limited eg. hair disorders and topics of personal interest e.g. medical dermatology. I also attended a basic dermatopathology course which was extremely useful in giving me a good overview of many common dermatological conditions and the associated histological findings. This session was definitely helpful in improving my confidence and knowledge in dermatopathology, an area which I have found very challenging as a trainee. It will also be no doubt invaluable towards my preparation for the Specialty Certificate Examination which I plan to sit this year.

Overall this was a highly invaluable educational experience for me. The innovative and variable programme offered allowed me to build upon my current knowledge and skills and supported many aspects of my training curriculum. I also found the poster sessions extremely interesting and it was particularly interesting to see the various themes and areas of research from experts worldwide. This in turn has allowed me to generate further ideas and inspiration to pursue my own research locally during my training. I was also extremely interested to hear the variation in management practices from different experts from around the world and have most definitely picked up some very useful tips and knowledge from the discussions generated.