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To Members of the British Association of Dermatologists and Guests,

I had the honor of being awarded the Richard B. Stoughton Memorial Travel Fellowship for the 2015 British Association of Dermatologists annual meeting in Manchester, UK. The 3-day conference included seminars, expo, and evening events where I had the pleasure of greeting many of England's esteemed dermatologists. The lectures covered a wide array of topics including atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, and lupus to less common conditions. Each seminar presented new and informative research that added greatly to our collective knowledge on these conditions. I presented a poster during the conference on squaric acid use for alopecia areata in children and was able to have discussions with dermatologists and fellow colleagues on the subject. On the eve of our last day, we all attended a lovely dinner in a beautiful church and toasted the Queen, a custom that I am privileged to take a part in. Along with attending an informative conference, I was able to relish in the scenery of Manchester and enjoy the cultures and customs that England has to offer. The City Centre was a lovely location for the conference and very easy to navigate.

The RBS Memorial Travel Fellowship was an honor to be accepted for. For any of my fellow dermatology trainees, if you have the opportunity to apply for this fellowship, I highly recommend it. To be granted, a poster is submitted by the trainee and selected by the B.A.D. members. One applicant is selected for the fellowship and this includes registration, B.A.D. events admission, and hotel accommodations. This was truly a wonderful conference to attend and I look forward to revisiting in future years.

With Gratitude,

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