

Conference report

21st Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology

A congress held from 27th to 30th September 2012 at the Prague, Czech Republic

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The main reason for this attendance is to present my work on male genital lichen sclerosus which is part of my research thesis. The cause of MGLSc is unknown. Various factors such as infections (Human papillomavirus and hepatitis c) and immunogenetic have been proposed. The work on MGLSc and hepatitis C has been presented. Our findings suggest that HCV infection is highly unlikely to play a pathogenic role in MGLSc.

I was also particularly attracted by certain symposium in this conference, such as "Human papillomavirus (HPV) advances and news", "Genital dermatology", "HIV and skin disease" and "organ transplant workshop" which are of relevant to my current work.

As part of my general dermatology training, I have attended certain courses, such as "Cryotherapy". I have attended two sessions of "Spotlights and Pearls in Dermato-venereology" which provide me valuable tips and latest research findings given by the various experts.

All posters were available as e-Posters during the congress at computer stations in the hall. I am pleased that the Academy had provided the official EADV Abstract CD-ROM contains all of the abstracts.

I have also had the opportunity of visiting the historic centre of Prague (Prague Castle, Old Town with the astronomical clock, the Charles Bridge, New Town and the Josefov). I have also spent one of the evenings enjoying the operatic world of Don Giovanni in the Estates Theatre.

Overall, the congress has been excellent both academically and leisurely. I am very grateful to BAD for awarding me the BAD /DC Travel Fellowship to cover the costs of my attendance at this conference.