

REPORT : EADV Fostering Programme for Residents (February 2015)
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I was extremely pleased to be awarded the BAD/DC Postgraduate Travel Fellowship to attend this year's EADV Fostering Programme in Paediatric Dermatology for Residents in Barcelona, Spain. This was also my first trip to Barcelona. The course was very well organised; we were provided with clear details on accommodation, transportation, and educational materials well in advance of the event. This programme was a great opportunity for me to meet Dermatology Residents from other European countries – Poland, Greece, Italy, Spain, France, Sweden, Istanbul, Prague, Portugal, Romania. There was also a delegate who travelled all the way from Sydney, Australia to attend this course.

Our first day was very interesting as we were given lectures on infantile hemangiomas, genital skin conditions, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, neonatal hair abnormalities and trichoscopy. This was followed by a Hands-on Workshop Session where we learnt how to perform hair-pull samples for direct light microscopy and prepared similar slides using our colleagues' hair. We also had the opportunity to study pre-prepared hair shaft samples under light microscopy such as trichotiodystrophy and Netterton's Syndrome. Our day ended with a delightful evening dinner with other delegates and Professors/Specialists/Lecturers in Barcelona City Centre.

All resident delegates were invited to present cases or their research projects in Paediatric Dermatology during this course and I presented a short but hopefully proved to be an interesting case of a 'dirty neck' and Terra-Firma-Forme Dermatosi (TFFD). Of the many presentations, presentations which interest me the most were : Paediatric Nail Melanoma, Mycosis Fungoides in a young boy and an interesting case of Gorlin Syndrome.

The lectures and presentations were of extremely high standards and exceeded my expectations and I am honoured to have been able to sit in lectures given by world experts in Paediatric Dermatology including Professor Grimalt, Professor Gysel, Professor Gelmetti, Professor Kakourou and Dr Cutrone. Given that this was my first visit to Barcelona, I took the opportunity to visit tourist attractions like the Barcelona City Centre, the beach and La Sagrada Familia and had very tasty seafood paella for dinner. This course has definitely motivated me to apply for other EADV courses in future and I would like to thank the BAD for awarding this travel award to me to make attending this course possible.

