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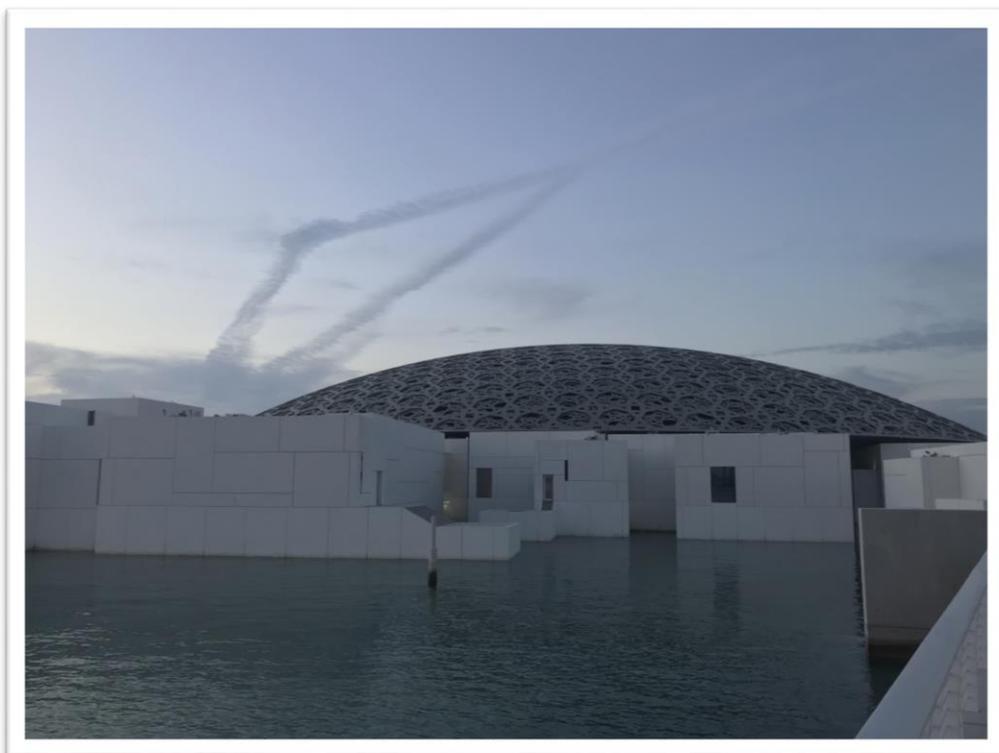
Emirates Dermatology Society Fellowship - Autumn 2017

I was granted the Emirates Dermatology Fellowship to enable my attendance at the Emirates Dermatology Society's first annual conference in Abu Dhabi. Delegates from the Middle East and further afield attended for a comprehensive meeting covering dermatopathology, inflammatory, surgical, paediatric and cosmetic dermatology. I was selected to present a poster on an annual Dermatology SpR induction course I have helped organise and found it useful discussing the results with attendees to shape future courses.

The 3-day meeting programme was delivered by an esteemed, international faculty including several speakers from the UK and served as an excellent refresher on clinical topics. Particularly, I found the talks on Acral Necrolytic Erythema by Dr. Hussein Abdel Dayem, Dermatomyositis by Dr Simon Meggitt and the Dermatopathology workshop organized by Dr Sara Edward very educational. It was also helpful to listen to talks on lasers and cosmetic dermatology; an area in which I have not had much prior experience.

Asides from the conference, I managed to see a few of Abu Dhabi's famous attractions including the Sheikh Zayed Mosque and I was fortunate that my visit coincided with the opening of the Louvre Abu Dhabi, which housed some spectacular works of art by Picasso and Van Gogh to name a few!

I would like to thank the BAD and the Emirates Dermatology Society for their generous award and am extremely grateful to both societies for giving me the opportunity to attend this meeting and network with delegates from across the Middle East and beyond. Particular thanks is due to Dr Khadija Aljefri, Dr Anwar al-Hammadi and Dr Muna al-Munawar for organizing this innovative fellowship, and all of the conference secretariat from the KIT group for their warm hospitality. I would wholeheartedly encourage UK trainees to submit work to this exceptional conference in the future.



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