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## **Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2017**

**Recipient:** Dr Syed Furquan Ahmad

**Position:** Postdoc

**Conference attended:** 13th World Congress on Endometriosis, 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Vancouver, Canada

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the SRF for awarding me this travel grant. It allowed me to attend the World Congress on Endometriosis in Vancouver. During the conference there were over 200 oral presentations and more than 400 posters. The key note speakers were excellent. I found all the sessions relevant and interesting and I was able to enhance my knowledge about the latest advancements in basic, translational, clinical, and health policy research on the pathogenesis, pathophysiology, and epidemiology of endometriosis. My abstract was selected for a poster presentation in the theme pathogenesis/aetiology to be displayed throughout the conference. These poster sessions were very well attended and I received a lot of questions as well as feedback from the experts which I found particularly helpful and enjoyable.

The conference was also a fantastic networking opportunity and I met many world renowned scientists whom I had the chance to speak to about my research and I have used the opportunity to initiate some international collaborations. In summary, the 13th World Congress on Endometriosis was an unforgettable experience and it allowed me to further develop my career and was an excellent opportunity for me to raise my profile. I am very grateful to the SRF for its generous support.

I am looking forward for the next World Congress on Endometriosis in 2020 in Shanghai, China.