

Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant 2014

Short Report

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Education Committee for giving me a travel grant to attend the recent World Congress on Endometriosis in Sao Paolo, Brazil. In my experience, attendance at conferences is the best way to get a handle on the current state of your field, and it inspires your work in ways that reading articles back at your desk just can't do!

This was a fantastic conference (one of the best I have been to on endometriosis), with a uniformly high standard of science presented in both the oral and poster communications. One of the most interesting keynote addresses centered around the recent development of standardised methods for collecting patient information and banking of biological samples (the Endometriosis Phenome and Biobanking Harmonisation Project: EPHeCT). This global initiative is an exciting development because it will facilitate robust biomarker and drug target discovery through minimising experimental variation across studies.

The program gave me lots of ideas for our own studies on endometriosis, and making the trip to Brazil was extremely worthwhile for this reason, not to mention the wonderful cultural experience of Sao Paolo itself.

I think this is a fantastic program and I am extremely grateful to the SRF for their support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan McGuane', written in a cursive style.

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