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On the 18th -23rd of June I had the incredible opportunity to attend to the 2017 GRC in Germline stem cell biology conference placed in Hong Kong. Thanks to the travel grant I obtained from the Society of reproduction and fertility (SRF), my lab was able to afford the cost of my visit.

During this conference I had the occasion of speak with some of the most world known expert in the field of the germline stem cell biology, but especially many researchers in the field of germ cells, what my PhD is based on. Thanks to these conversations, I was able to think in new ideas to apply to my PhD project, such as the use of new drugs to mimic some of the effects I'm seeing in my research, or the need to study some specific proteins able to alter the pluripotency state of fetal germ cells.

Moreover, I was lucky to speak with a researcher from the University of California, Los Angeles, who has similar interests as me. After some conversations, and a completely unexpected interview there, I can now say that I found a postdoc position for UCLA, which I will start in January. I will be always grateful to my lab and to the SRF for giving me this opportunity to go to Hong Kong, as it made me find a new job.

Networking is one of the most important parts of the conference and I think I am now a good example of it.