

Society for Reproduction and Fertility Travel Grant Award 2018

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I would like to thank the SRF for supporting my attendance at the 4<sup>TH</sup> Congress of the **Society of Endometriosis and Uterine Disorders** (SEUD) in Florence, Italy (25-28<sup>th</sup> April 2018).

At the SEUD congress this year, I was given the opportunity to orally present my work at the “Free communications” session. The title of my presentation was “DCE-MRI of uterine microvasculature in women with heavy menstrual bleeding (HMB) treated with a selective progesterone receptor modulator (SPRM)”. The talk was well-received and following the session, I received useful feedback from a few experts in the field, which will be taken into account for my future project.

The SEUD congress provided me with a great platform to learn from many world-reknowned scientists who are passionate about endometriosis and uterine disorders. I enjoyed many of the talks on uterine fibroids and ulipristal acetate (UPA), and “how to treat complex patients: endometriosis, adenomyosis and uterine disorders”. The talks also described the latest updates in the treatments of uterine disorders. They were all very relevant to my research area and were of very good standard. Many of the talks were delivered by authors of highly cited papers which I have read, and what better way can there be than to learn about their work from them in person!

Furthermore, I particularly enjoyed the live surgery sessions where the surgeons talked us through the various complicated procedures, whilst accepting questions from the audience simultaneously. The latest updates on various surgical procedures and the patient outcomes were very interesting to me as I am keen to pursue Obstetrics and Gynaecology as my specialty training in the future. Additionally, I am very grateful for the new connections made with senior investigators and professors from all over the world during the gala dinner at the breath-taking Palazzo Borghese.

Overall, the SEUD congress enabled me to develop my interest in research and motivated me to pursue my ambition to become an academic clinician. I thoroughly enjoyed the SEUD congress, making new connections with experts in the field, and the city Florence. I am grateful to the SRF for its generous support.