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| UNIVERSITY | | Queen’s University Belfast | | |
| NAME OF AWARD | | Symington Bequest Award | | |
| PURPOSE OF AWARD *conference/event attended/organised (full name) with city and dates.* | | | | |
| To present and attend the IFAA Congress in Korea from 5-8 Sept 2024 | | | | |
| REPORT: What were your anticipated benefits?  *Minimum number of words between 200-400. Please write in coherent paragraphs.* | | | | |
| I have chosen the 21st Congress of the International Federation of Association of Anatomists (IFAA) as the IFAA is the most well-known biggest international association in my subject speciality. This congress had a focus on education and research in the field of Clinical Anatomy. The IFAA is the professional domicile of all Associations of Anatomy from around the globe. I am also the only UK member of the Ethics and Medical Humanities Committee (FICEM) of the IFAA. This was an ideal opportunity to present and also meet other members of the FICEM in-person and make new connections with educators/researchers working in the anatomical sciences education. I had an oral presentation “**A Comparative Study of the Outcomes of Surgically versus Non-Surgically Treated Spinal Disease in Patients with Multiple Myeloma: Northern Ireland’s Experience”.** At the end of my talk, I opened the floor forquestions and discussions that was very engaging to the audience. The talks and presentations of this congress are in the field of my subject speciality “anatomy”. These talks aim at maintaining high standards in the teaching of anatomy. They also align very well with my pedagogical anatomical sciences education publications. Attending this congress had a positive impact on improving the quality of my research portfolio and my research networking. Presenting my work in this international congress that included members from all the Associations of Anatomy worldwide will definitely enhance my academic reputation and will initiate and maintain new research partnerships that will enable wider outreach and will enhance my academic profile. | | | | |
| COMMENTS: Describe your experience at the conference / lab visit / course / seminar/ event.  *Minimum number of words between 200-400. Please write in coherent paragraphs.* | | | | |
| The IFAA Congress was well organised and very engaging. The presentations were excellent and included symposia oral presentations. The oral presentations included key speakers such as Prof Claudia Krebs from the University of British Columbia, Prof Hee-Jin Kim from Yonsei University, DR Shigeru Kurstani from RIKEN Center for Biosystems Dynamics Research, Japan and Prof Wojciech Pawlina from Mayo Clinic. Besides the oral presentations, there were several symposia under different topics such as “New anatomical insights of the anterior branches of external carotid artery”, “Advanced imaging for neuroanatomy”, and “The defence mechanism of our body with immunity”. It was very interesting to follow and learn more about “Artificial Intelligence: Scope for cross-disciplinary international collaboration in Clinical Anatomy” session that was chaired by Dr James Coey with presentations from James Parker and Khalid Ayidh and another symposium “Anatomy as it relates to the clinic in research and teaching” chaired by Dr Piraye Kervancioglu and presented by Dr Ayhan Comert and Dr Husseyin Yildiran “. Further to this, the poster sessions provided very fruitful ideas and discussions with people to whom I will gladly reach out for their expertise in the future for joint projects and collaborations. I also enjoyed the Asian culture very much. | | | | |
| REPORT: In relation to skills, what were the most important things you gained? *(does not apply to equipment grant.* For public engagement/outreach awards what did your audience gain and how did you evaluate success?  *Minimum number of words between 200-400. Please write in coherent paragraphs.* | | | | |
| Although I have attended many excellent conferences, they still cannot compete with the flow of IFAA Congress, especially the discussions that follow, which give priceless insights about the experiences of others. I have also learned a lot from the event organisers, it was very useful to see what is done regarding organizing and running a congress, what worked well and what needed adjustments. I have gained lot of skills from attending presentations such as the importance of anatomy training for vertical integration in clinical rotations and digital 3D evaluation of surface topology and clinical applications. The talk of Prof Claudia Krebs was very informative. Through this talk, she shared with us her skills about Hackspace for innovation and visualisation in education including many innovations such as a full VR anatomy lab. Dr Kreb’s impact is global through her websites. Also lot of skills were shared during the symposium on the “Anatomical Education Human Morphological Study based on Digital and Intelligential Technology” and the sessions on “The art of indulging in Anatomy”. These sessions offer a unique opportunity to connect with and gain valuable skills and guidance from established leaders. The 3D printing in Anatomy session was very engaging. I learnt the skills needed to produce the 3D printing and I hope I can implement it in my teaching. | | | | |
| REPORT: How do you think you will put this learning experience into practice in the future? For public engagement/outreach awards how with the materials/knowledge generated by this activity be used in the future?  *Minimum number of words between 200-400. Please write in coherent paragraphs.* | | | | |
| I will continue to develop and improve my slides for oral presentations with what I have learned from this congress. I will also be reaching out to researchers and educators who attended this congress as I learned from them several methods and approaches that can support my teaching and research interests. Further to this, it was essential to get to know and meet other fellow colleagues to tighten links and widen my network for future research studies. I’ll take what I’ve learned about effective communication and adaptability and apply it to future interactions. Whether it's crafting clear messages, tailoring my approach to different audiences, or being open to feedback, I’ll focus on building stronger connections and enhancing collaboration. It’s all about using insights to improve how I engage with others!  I’ll actively apply this learning experience by:   1. **Being More Intentional**: I’ll set clear goals for my interactions, ensuring my messages are purposeful and engaging. 2. **Tailoring Communication**: I’ll adapt my style based on the audience, making sure it resonates with their preferences and needs. 3. **Seeking Feedback**: I’ll regularly ask for input from others to improve my communication skills and make adjustments as needed. 4. **Practicing Empathy**: I’ll focus on understanding others’ perspectives, which will help foster stronger relationships. 5. **Reflecting on Experiences**: After interactions, I’ll take time to reflect on what went well and what could be improved for next time.   By consistently applying these strategies, I can enhance my communication and collaboration in various contexts! | | | | |
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