

International Travel Award – Trip Summary

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In order to travel to Amsterdam for a Biomaterials conference, I applied for an International Travel Award. I was very thankful to receive this award, which covered many of the expenses of my trip.

The conference, 8th World Biomaterials Congress, was held in Amsterdam and was attended by many international research groups. Although some of the focus was different than U.S. – based conferences, the experience was, nonetheless, very valuable.

I had the opportunity to present research to many investigators who are at the top of their respective fields in immunology and implant research. I had two podium presentations and three posters at this conference, which definitely helped to provide more exposure to our research group at Drexel University.

We also met with the only single producer of medical grade ultra-high-molecular-weight polyethylene used in joint replacement orthopedic applications worldwide. As well, our research group dined with one of the top members of a medical device company who was an acquaintance of our academic advisor.

The conference and surroundings provided an overall excellent travel experience.

Thanks again for your financial support toward this research conference.

Sincerely,
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