

My IFCC Roche Travel Scholarship Experience at 14th APFBC Congress, 26-29 November 2016 Taipei, TW

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It is with great pride that I write this report on my experience at the 14th APFBC Congress Taipei. I am truly honoured to have received the IFCC TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP. I am so humbled to have been chosen for this award knowing that there were many qualified applicants. This award motivates young scientists and helps in more participation at such international events. This can immensely help the development of their parent societies as the new ideas and contacts that generate at such events can be extremely fruitful. This was my second APFBC Congress and my first

IFCC travel scholarship made it all the more special. I thank IFCC and Roche for selecting my work for presentation at the APFBC congress and supporting my travel.



WITH PROFESSOR GRAHAM BEASTALL, PROFESSOR MAURIZIO FERRARI, PROFESSOR OZBEN AND CO-AWARDEES

It was an extremely enriching experience. The workshop I attended was very good. It was the Hands-on Course to Learn Skills Essential for Analysing Reference Values conducted by Kiyoshi Ichihara and Shogo Kimura. This workshop not only added to my hands on skills of analysis of reference intervals but it also enhanced my knowledge with the discussion on various statistical methods useful for reference interval analysis. This shall be useful in designing studies on reference intervals, which are the need of the hour in a multi – ethnic country like India. The various symposia were truly engaging. I enjoyed the plenary session on 'Getting the Right Answer-The Importance of Traceability' by Prof. Graham Jones, it was lucid, crisp and a good refresher of the concept. The symposia on the Neurodegenerative disorders, Liquid Biopsies were very interesting. I also had the opportunity to attend the IFCC Young task force meeting where there was fruitful interaction with young scientists from various countries. It helped establish new contacts and got to know about global networking and Lab surfing.

My presentation was on 'Serum Insulin and Hs CRP Correlated to Antioxidant Status of Opiate Dependent Males' in which our research group is trying to establish the cardiovascular risk factors in opiate dependents without any co-morbidities. The IFCC travel scholarship helped me present this work internationally and get feedback from stalwarts of Clinical Biochemistry.



WITH PRADEEP DABLA, DANNI LI, GUILAINE BOURSIER, LARA OMOLARA POPOOLA OF THE IFCC TASK FORCE FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS AND THE CO-AWARDEES



WITH PROFESSOR PRAVEEN SHARMA AT MY PRESENTATION

I had the opportunity to discuss current trends and newer technologies in laboratory practice with leaders of clinical biochemistry. The platform was a gateway to make new acquaintances; it also enriched my knowledge base and recharged me with great enthusiasm for higher learning. The award has been an immensely enriching and motivating experience. I congratulate the co-recipients of the award and acknowledge IFCC for creating a wonderful platform for providing recognition to young scientists. Please accept my deepest thanks and appreciation for this award and for the privilege of being inducted into this prestigious award.

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