John Buckingham Travelling Fellowship Scholarship

Tarik Sammour attended the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in Chicago from 4 to 8 October 2015.

I would like to thank the RACS Board of Surgical Research for selecting me to be the recipient of the John Buckingham Travelling Scholarship.

I travelled to the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Clinical Congress in Chicago from 4 to 8 October 2015, and at the time I was well into my second year of Colorectal Surgical Society of Australia and New Zealand (CSSANZ) colorectal fellowship.

The main goal of my travel itinerary was to meet with my future colleagues at the MD Anderson Cancer Center where I was planning to do a third fellowship year. Several of the faculty were chairing sessions in colorectal surgery and presenting research papers, and this was an excellent opportunity to meet them and learn more about their clinical and academic interests.

The congress itself was a great learning experience. I attended didactic lectures and several research presentations delivered by a variety of experts in their fields. I also caught up with the latest advances in the management of complex colorectal conditions.

On a more social note, I had a great experience in Chicago – a city I had not had the pleasure of visiting previously, and was able to attend a couple of the excellent social events organised by the ACS.

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The ANZSVS is delighted to welcome Dr Andrew Holden to its 2016 ASM.

Dr Andrew Holden is Director of Interventional Radiology at Auckland City Hospital and Associate Professor of Radiology at the University of Auckland. He is also lead Radiologist for the Auckland Hospital organ transplant programme and Co-Director of the Auckland Endovascular Service. Dr Holden is a committee member of IRSA (Interventional Society of Australasia) and ARGANZ (Abdominal Radiology Society of Australia and New Zealand) and an examiner for the RANZCR. He holds the EBIR (European Board of Interventional Radiology) Diploma.

After training in Radiology in the Auckland Radiology Training Programme, Dr Holden gained fellowship experience in Interventional Radiology and Body Imaging at Royal Perth Hospital, Perth and King’s Hospital London.

Dr Holden is the author of more than 60 articles in peer reviewed journals and the author of three book chapters. His interests include advanced endovascular aneurysm repair techniques, renal and carotid artery intervention, intervention in critical limb ischaemia and advanced liver imaging.

Dr Holden is currently Principal Investigator in 20 trials including many “first in man” interventional radiology device trials.

Dr Holden will deliver presentations at the upcoming ANZSVS 2016 Conference on drug-eluting technologies and advantage of endovascular aortic sealing. He will also participate in panel discussions in scientific sessions.

The ANZSVS thanks RACS for its generous support of Dr Holden through the RACS Visitor Program.

ASC 2016 - LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Looking forward to seeing you again in Adelaide in 2017

TOM ARTHUR

Trainees Section Convenor, ASC 2016

The 2016 Annual Scientific Congress proved to be exceptional four days of May in the capital of Queensland. On behalf of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons Trainees Association (RACSTA), I would like to thank Associate Professor Richard Lewandowski and Professor Owen Ung, the ASC Convenor and ASC Scientific Convenor respectively, for overseeing the broad and varied programme which proved inspirational and motivational to the Trainees in attendance.

The theme of the conference was “Surgery, Technology and Communication”, a theme that allowed us to look in to what the future holds for our profession. This encompassed not only an exploration of the technological advances that may come in surgical practice, but also a broader exploration of what the culture of our profession will be in the years to come.

From a technology standpoint, the future is exciting. As pointed out in the opening plenary by Josh Guest, tech entrepreneur and founder of b2cloud, modified reality and wearable technology is going to transform healthcare in the coming years. Surgeons are going to be vested with an overwhelming amount of data collected by their patients utilising technology to monitor their own health. The training of the next generation of surgeons will also be supplemented by the use of these technologies. Dr Hugh MacGregor, in an excellent talk on mentoring and collaboration with technology, showed that wearable technology and modified reality in the operating room bestows great promise in the teaching and assessment of surgical Trainees.

New technology is not just enabling surgeons to operate on patients in more clever ways, or to train Trainees with intelligent gadgets. Technological advancement is enabling surgeons to collaborate in ways that were previously unfeasible. Several of our UK visitors spoke of the concept of research collaboratives, both at the trainee and broader levels. The Trainees were indebted to hear from Professor Dion Morton, who pioneered the concept of trainee led research collaboratives in the UK, a model of research which has proved transformative in how Trainees engage in research. Utilising mass collaboration over social networks, UK trainee-led research collaboratives have shown an ability to crowd-source research capital across national and international boundaries. The trainee led research model is going to take a significant role in the research landscape throughout Australia in the near future.

The future culture of our profession drew significant attention at this year’s ASC. As part of the trainee’s section we had Mr Kevin Cocks, Commissioner of the Anti-Discrimination Council of Queensland, deliver an excellent treatise on discrimination and what effect it has on our society. This is not an issue isolated to the surgical field, nor is it isolated to our part of the world, as was noted by our international guest Rachel Kelz in her talk on discrimination in surgery in the United States. The “Let’s Operate with Respect” campaign, which was launched during the ASC, will hopefully serve to reduce levels of discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment within our profession. With the principles of this campaign implemented we can provide a leading example to the rest of the community in the coming years.

Congratulations to the Fellows who convocated in Brisbane. Congratulations as well to the Trainees who presented their research at the Congress and special mention to those who were awarded prizes for their contributions. Thank you for devoting your time to the ASC 2016, looking forward to seeing you again in Adelaide from May 8-12, 2017.

ANTHONY FREEMAN

Scientific Convenor

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