

Collaboration between the Emirates Dermatology Society (EDS) and the BAD

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Medicine and scientific research has become more global, cross-cultural and collaborative over the recent past. We see it more in research collaborations with a large number of internationally co-authored scientific papers being published every year. I believe it is important to nourish international links and build bridges in the fields of both research and clinical medicine and to foster this attitude during training; especially in dermatology where the burden of disease and clinical presentations can differ geographically and according to skin

type. Being part of both the British and more recently the Emirati Dermatology community, I was pleased to be part of this relationship and I hope that this is the start of further future collaborations.

These are the two main collaborations over the past few months:

Emirates Dermatology Society Fellowship, to attend the Emirates Dermatology Society Annual Conference, Abu Dhabi, November 2017



Khadija and Dr Anwar Alhammadi

Fellowship winners



We advertised for the EDS Fellowship in the summer. UK dermatology trainees were invited to submit an application along with research or clinical abstracts for poster presentations in September. Dr Wisam Alwan and Dr Stephen Smith were awarded this fellowship to attend the 3-day conference in Abu Dhabi in November 2017. <http://conference.edsuae.com>

Dr Wisam Alwan, ST5 in London Deanery; the title of his poster presentation was 'Evaluation of the learning needs of new Dermatology trainees: results of a 3-year study'

Dr Stephen Smith, ST5 in Cambridge presented 'GATAD2A, a chromatin remodelling gene, a powerful prognostic marker in malignant melanoma'

Dr Simon Meggitt from Newcastle was the first guest speaker at the conference talking about updates on dermatomyositis and lupus erythematosus.



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Dubai Academy of Dermatology Annual Conference, Dubai, January 2018

This is one of the more established conferences in Dubai where the academic programme focuses more on clinical dermatology and recent research advances. This year a renowned group of British Dermatologists were invited as guest speakers: Professor John McGrath, Professor Nick Reynolds, Professor Jemima Mellerio, Dr Phil Hampton, Dr Rachel Morris-Jones and Dr Faisal Ali. Dr Rhonda Meys who works between Dubai and London gave a talk titled 'Evidence Base for treatment of hyperpigmentation'. Dr Walayat Hussain and Dr Natalia Spierings put together a fantastic hands-on surgical workshop with 6 sessions running over the 3 days. The social programme was equally fantastic; we had Middle Eastern dinners with views of Burj Khalifa and Palm Jumeirah; and a visit to sheikh Zayed's mosque and the Louvre museum on the last day.



DAD social programme

The next EDS-BAD fellowship will be advertised soon on the BAD website; the application deadline is in May 2018 and the conference will be held in Abu Dhabi 15-17 November 2018. I invite trainees to apply and possibly arrange for department visits or a short attachment while in the UAE. These collaborations have only been possible because of UK dermatologists' commitment to education and sharing of information and the forward-thinking

attitude of BAD staff who welcomed the idea and helped with organisation of the fellowship. And on this side of the map because of Dr Anwar Alhammadi, the president of the EDS and the head of Dermatology at Dubai Health Authority, support for science, research and education. So, it was an international group effort!

If you have ideas for future collaborations, research or projects please contact me kaljefri@googlemail.com



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