

REPORT ON ESPO CONGRESS FELLOWSHIP TO ATTEND ESPO 2018 IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN (2-5 June 2018)

This is a report of my attendance at the European Society of Paediatric Otolaryngology meeting in Stockholm, Sweden 2-5 June 2018.

Acknowledgments

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SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship of 1000 Euro was awarded to cover travelling and accommodation expenses to attend ESPO 2018. I travelled from Harare, Zimbabwe via Dubai with Emirates airlines.

Accommodation

Accommodation was pre-booked for me as part of the scholarship. It was an apartment close to the city centre with 24-hour access by train. This was a very good strategic location with easy access to the hotel and conference centre. Travelling by train took about 10-15 minutes which was very convenient for me.

Conference package

The conference package was paid for me and I managed to register and attend with no problems. I had access to all conference rooms with various topics across the length and breadth of Paediatric Otolaryngology. This included the morning Breakfast sessions with experts and the whole day discussion on various subjects.

Content and quality of the conference

The conference was quite balanced with topics and speakers who are experts in their own fields. I had the opportunity to be involved in practical simulation sessions on the difficult airway and bronchoscopy for foreign bodies. This was very educational as I had experts taking me through the practical steps.

Dinner at the Vasa Museum

Among the highlights of the meeting was sponsorship to attend dinner at the Vasa Museum. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I am thankful to the sponsors for allowing me to attend this typically Swedish dinner.

Presentation

I had the opportunity to present my talk on cervical thymic masses, and felt humbled to talk in front of so many professors and leading experts in this field.

Overall

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the setting up of the scholarship. This will give life-changing opportunities to junior surgeons and will save many children.