

**ASCEPT Travel Grant Report - Anna Davey
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I wish to extend a huge thank you to ASCEPT for the generous provision of the International Travel Award that allowed me to attend the IUPHAR WorldPharm2010 conference held recently in Copenhagen, Denmark. This was my first international conference and, needless to say, was an invaluable experience.

I particularly enjoyed and benefited from discussing my research (which I presented as a poster and was also presented in an oral session by my supervisor Prof. Arthur Christopoulos) with other researchers involved in my specific topic (allosteric modulation of the calcium sensing receptor) and general field of interest. From these interactions I have obtained new ideas for further research in my project and have come away extra motivated and excited about my PhD project and career direction as a researcher.

The conference was split into multiple focused conferences of which I attended the 'Transmembrane transport: Perspectives for disease and drug discovery' sessions along with that of direct relevance to my field, 'G protein-coupled 7TM receptors: From molecular to physiological function'. It was exciting to learn about the latest developments in my field directly from key thought leaders as well as to expand my knowledge base and learn about a different area of basic research.

The opportunity to travel to Europe for this conference and to experience that culture has also greatly encouraged me to seriously consider post-doc positions in this region. Once again, thank you ASCEPT for making this experience possible!

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