

WorldPharma 2010

16th World Congress on Basic and Clinical Pharmacology in Copenhagen, Denmark

Firstly, I would like to thank ASCEPT for providing financial assistance to attend the 2010 WorldPharma congress in Copenhagen, Denmark. I enjoyed the trip as a way to a) stay up to date with the latest research trends from top international pharmacologists, b) gain feedback on my current research, c) explore Copenhagen and d) socialise with other Australian and international researchers and students.

This conference provided an excellent opportunity to present my work to a pharmacological audience that would be able to offer feedback to build upon my current ideas and plans for future experiments. For this conference, I presented a poster communication titled, 'The effect of imatinib mesylate on spontaneous activity in the guinea-pig prostate'. Since the research I presented at the Congress will be integrated into my final thesis, I found the discussions with interested researchers and students to be extremely encouraging and helpful.

Attending this conference was also a good way to stay abreast of the current trends in research areas relevant to my studies. As well as staying up to date with relevant research topics, this conference was also a good chance to learn more about cutting-edge equipment and technology available and how these could be applied to my research to build upon the results I have obtained thus far.

One particular aspect that I enjoyed during this trip was the chance to socialise with other students and researchers in an informal manner. Through the conference, I was able to establish invaluable connections with some leading experts in the field of smooth muscle and urogenital research which will undoubtedly help in my future career as a researcher. As well as socialising, this trip was a great opportunity to explore the beautiful city of Copenhagen and its history. Once again, I'd like to say thank you to ASCEPT!

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