

Case study

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I'm a specialist senior registrar in General surgery from the University Surgical Unit of Colombo South Teaching Hospital of Sri Lanka. I was fortunate enough to be an ASGBI Bursary award winner in 2010. ASGBI International Surgical Congress was a land mark in my surgical carrier. It paved me to the international surgical arena where I could witness the latest developments in the field of surgery and to meet people from all over the world. It allowed us to share our experience with the international surgical contemporaries as well.

We were hosted in a number of local hospitals in Liverpool in the first few days including the Royal Liverpool University Hospital. There we could observe the way the curative aspect of the health care system operates in the UK. Especially the delivery of surgical care in the hospitals was quite remarkable. It was an educational endeavor for us to visit those hospitals and to witness the latest technological advancements and to associate the clinical staff. We could intermingle with the local trainees and the academic staff at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital. This allowed for brainstorming discussions.

Scientific congress was astonishing and thought provoking. Especially "Meet the experts" and "Hot topics" were quite commendable. Industrial exhibition provided us some technological insight to the surgical craftsmanship. Social events organized by the association during the congress were really creditable. Corporate patron's reception and the Gala dinner were extravagant. My sincere gratitude should goes to the Association (ASGBI), the international development committee and especially the corporate patrons for providing bursaries for trainee surgeons from underprivileged countries. I wish them success in their future accomplishments and hope that this would continue in future in broader way to host more trainees from our part of the world.

Finally I would like to make few suggestions to the ASGBI which I thought would be beneficial for the future bursary winners.

1. To extend the time to be spent in a particular hospital at least for one week
2. To increase the representation from Asia