

Umme Sara Zishan SRS Scholarship Report

I am a second year trainee in Clinical radiology from Edinburgh.

I would like to first of all thank SRS board members for awarding me a travel scholarship to assist with the expenses to go to RSNA 2013; adding to the delight of presenting a study I did on SPECT/CT. The meeting was held in the first week of December in Chicago.

RSNA is the annual meeting of the radiological society of North America. Its is the worlds largest medical meeting with around 55,000 attendees. Although it was so massive the level of organization impressed me.

There were a number of courses to attend apart from the scientific oral presentations running on different topics. There were some amazing digital presentations to look at and a fresh set of cases to ponder over each day. Many useful educational poster presentations added to the experience. There was a large area dedicated for trainee's alone, providing free refreshments and other resources. It was an excellent platform for me; to meet and interact with other trainee's from around the globe.

There was also good use of digital technology- we could use the RSNA app to browse the current courses, mark answers and also claim credit at the end of the meeting. Technical exhibits were eye catching.

RSNA offers a wealth of knowledge to soak up. Not only was the academic experience great, Chicago is a lovely city to visit with an amazing skyline, history, friendly folk and a good time to grab a bargain in the holiday season.

All in all RSNA 2013 was a truly incredible experience and well worth the time toiling on the project to present at this impressive meeting. I am grateful to the SRS committee for the encouraging sponsorship.

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