

Report of Attendance at RSNA 2016

102nd Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting

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McCormick Place, Chicago

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the SRS committee for the scholarship funding to provide assistance towards presenting my scientific and education exhibits at RSNA 2016.

The RSNA Scientific Assembly and Annual Meeting is the official meeting of the Radiological Society of North America. This year's inspiring theme was entitled 'Beyond Imaging'. It encourages us to look beyond the image to consider how we can maximise radiology's role in patient care.

I found the educational courses by far the most useful learning opportunity. RSNA 2016 offered more than 400 educational courses covering both traditional and cutting-edge topics in each subspecialty. The select series courses, such as the 'Paediatric Neuroradiology' course, combined education lectures by leading experts together with original scientific research papers. These courses offered comprehensive views on topics that I thought were extremely useful for revision purposes. The 'Essentials of Radiology' courses included a series of refresher courses designed for trainees and spanned a number of subspecialties. The RSNA Diagnosis Live question-and-answer sessions such as the 'Emergency Neuroradiology' and the 'Case-Based Review of the Abdomen' interactive sessions allowed me to use my mobile device to respond to imaging cases and course challenges while monitoring my performance in real time. I found these courses extremely beneficial as they targeted scenarios commonly encountered in clinical practice as well as in exam situations. Attending non-clinical courses such as 'Using Keynote: An Alternative to PowerPoint' and 'PowerPoint Tips' Hands-On sessions provided me with lots of useful tips for future projects and presentations.

I would recommend to any future attendee to make a schedule of must-see courses at the start of the conference. There are hundreds of sessions and courses running simultaneously during the conference, making it difficult to choose what to attend. Using the programme book and the official RSNA meeting app helped me plan my schedule well in advance. There was no need to register for any of the courses, however, the more popular courses used to fill up quickly. In particular, the 'Prostate MRI (Hands-On)' course was very popular amongst delegates and I was fortunate to get a place on that course even though spaces were limited. As an aspiring uroradiologist, the course content was invaluable to further my knowledge on pelvic imaging.

The education exhibits, scientific digital posters, quality storyboards and informatics demonstrations were grouped together in the Learning Center. This year a total of

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1866 education exhibits and 896 posters were presented. My two education exhibits on 'Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphomas of the Female Genital Tract' and 'Müllerian Duct Anomaly Complications' were displayed electronically and received good feedback. Scientific posters and electronic exhibits could be viewed on computers in each subspecialty area, known as communities. Communities allowed for group viewing of digital posters during the lunch period, when computers were reserved for CME discussions. I presented my scientific poster 'Novel Tunnelled Central Venous Lines in Children' for CME discussion on the 01/12/2016 in the Paediatric Community area.

The most interesting session I attended was the Image Interpretation Session. This year's session followed the tradition of bringing together five experts in radiology, who were each shown two unknown cases. These experts represented the subspecialties of interventional radiology and abdominal imaging, musculoskeletal radiology, paediatric radiology, thoracic imaging, and neurological imaging. The session represented an opportunity to observe expert radiologists analyse images and develop a differential diagnosis, and then use that differential diagnosis to guide patient care.

The overall experience in Chicago was great, especially because I had never travelled outside Europe before. Chicago is a vibrant city with plenty of great areas to explore. During the RSNA congress the city is packed with radiology professionals from around the globe and it was a privilege to be part of this huge international event.

I found the RSNA Annual Meeting a great opportunity, not only to advance my knowledge and learn more about different modalities and radiology subspecialties, but also to network and ask questions. It was a very educational and enjoyable experience and I would strongly encourage all trainees to attend at some stage in their training if they manage to get the opportunity.

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