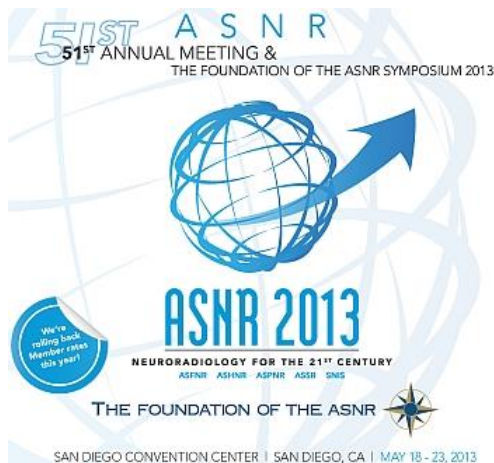


Grant Mair SRS Scholarship Funding Report



With generous support from the Scottish Radiological Society I was privileged to attend the 51st Annual Meeting for the American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR) in San Diego, USA. The conference ran from the 18th to 23rd of May 2013. ASNR provides one of the world's largest dedicated neuroradiology meetings; all facets of neuroradiology and head and neck imaging are covered. As an aspiring neuroradiologist, the meeting provided me with an invaluable learning experience. Some particular highlights for me included a lively three session debate tackling

current controversies in neuroimaging (e.g. the Liberation Procedure), a special session discussing current theories on how the brain thinks and as part of the trainee stream, a very informative session simplifying some of the trickier areas of reporting such as the post therapy neck.

An integral part of the trip for me was the opportunity to present some of my ongoing research data. As a registered MD student with the University of Edinburgh, I am currently analysing imaging data from a large randomised controlled trial that investigated IV thrombolysis in acute ischaemic stroke (The Third International Stroke Trial – IST-3). I was excited to present my early results within the stroke imaging stream of the meeting. It was very helpful to discuss my findings with a large assembled international audience, although 6 minutes is not very long when you are on the podium! I received some interesting questions from the audience and afterwards discussed ideas with other researchers.

The conference was held in the San Diego Convention Center, a huge sprawling complex right on the waterfront and in the heart of downtown. The adjacent Gas Lamp District is the cultural heart of San Diego and a great place to wind down after a long day at conference! On the final day, the closing reception was held on the upper deck of the USS Midway, a decommissioned aircraft carrier that looms large over the bay and was most recently active during the Gulf war.

Overall, my trip to San Diego was extremely worthwhile. I would certainly recommend the conference to others, especially those with a neuro interest.

Finally, I would like to thank all those at the SRS for helping to make this possible for me.

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