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| ❖ Name & Designation | : Mr. R. Srikantha Aswin, MBBS Student. |
| ❖ Address | : KMC, Light House Hill Road, Mangalore, Karnataka. |
| ❖ Name of the International Conference/ Seminar/Symposium/ Workshop | : 21 st International student Congress of Bio Medical Science 2014 |
| ❖ Title of the abstract accepted | : Stethoscopes arc a potential source of nosocomial infections: A study in a tropical teaching hospital. |
| ❖ Date & Venue | : 3-6 th June, 2014 University medical centre Groningen, Netherland. |
| ❖ Money sanctioned | : Rs 1,00,000/- |
| ❖ Money reimbursed | : Rs 1,00,000/- |

Participation Report

The conference was organized by the University Medical Centre, Groningen, Netherlands at Groningen from 2/6/14 to 6/6/14. The conference saw the participation of a total of 342 students from over 50 countries to present their research at the prestigious event. A total of 12 students were selected from India .

Academic highlights of the conference

The conference featured both oral & poster presentations in various medical fields including life sciences and allied branches.

Besides, the paper presentations, the other sessions include-

1) **Pre-Conference Master Classes** on topics like 'How to present your research effectively', 'Converting an Idea to a Scientific protocol', 'Writing a Scientific Paper' & 'Statistics for Medical Research'.

2) **Workshops** on topics such as: (which I attended)

-How to perform tracheal intubation

-Inside the psychotic experience(conversation with a patient)

-Speed dating with researchers: A ca to interact with faculty of UMCG involved in research in the areas of organ transplantation.

Besides, all participants had the opportunity to witness a live surgical procedure on the heart, and interact with th surgeons as thy were performing the surgery.

3) **Keynote Sessions:** in which leading researchers shared their research experiences and these included-

Prof. Ada Yonath (Nobel Laureate)- who spoke about her work in identifying the structure of ribosome.

Prof: Albert van der Berg- who spoke about miniaturized laboratories (lab-on-a-chip).

Prof: Christopher Breuer- Cardiovascular tissue engineered products for use in treatment of congenital heart disease.

Prof: Hendrik W.Frijlink – development of a universal influenza vaccine.

Overall, the attending the conference was a great opportunity for me as I got the chance to interact with some of the finest researchers in the world and has broadened my scientific temper and has given me enlightenment towards pursuing new avenues for research.

Participants Contribution to the conference

Participant's name : R Srikanth Aswin

I presented my paper 'Stethoscope as a potential source of nosocomial infection: a study in a tropical teaching hospital.'

I had the opportunity to present my research to researchers from all over the world and managed to garner a lot of interest towards my study.

The chair for the session Prof.C.A.A.H Daemen was particularly impressed with my study and the implications for controlling hospital-acquired infections.