

Report of the visit to Trondheim in April 2012, Kristiina Tertti

I am working as a perinatologist in Turku University Hospital, Finland. I am interested in fetal ultrasound and I fortunately got to know of a possibility to visit excellent clinic in that area. By NFOG funding I was able to visit the Foetal Medicine Unit (FMU) of St. Olavs Hospital, Trondheim for two weeks in April 2012. The goal of the visit was to deepen my knowledge and skills in fetal ultrasound.

I was warmly welcomed to the clinic by very friendly personnel. I was delighted to be able to follow ultrasound examinations performed by skillful doctors Harm-Gerd Blaas, Anne Brantberg, Aurora Roset, Birgitta Kahrs and Erik-Andreas Torkildsen. I also followed midwives doing Doppler and morphological ultrasound examinations. I got some good new hints to my own work. I also did some examinations by myself. During my stay, I was able to see quite a few fetal anomalies and many symptoms, and I learned to diagnose those more accurate and detailed. I also had a chance to learn especially ultrasound of fetal heart and the use of Doppler in examinations. I was able to attend to rewarding morning meetings, where the most interesting ultrasound examinations were shown in a big screen to whole personnel. This was an excellent way to teach and stimulate doctors and midwives. I understood how well teaching of fetal ultrasound could be organized. I also attended to other interesting meetings with pediatrics and pathologists and I also saw an autopsy of fetus diagnosed with fetal heart anomaly. In addition, Professor Blaas gave me several inspiring lectures of different topics on fetal ultrasound.

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