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XXIII. European ENTOG conference and exchange meeting- Slovakia and Czech Republic 6th of May - 11th of May 2013

As the SFOG no longer offers scholarships for the ENTOG exchange, I applied for a NFOG grant to support my clinical visit at the I. Dpt of Gynecology and Obstetrics of the Comenius University in Bratislava. It was part of the yearly exchange of trainees of all European countries to the hosting country of the EBCOG/ENTOG congress.

Three days we followed our Slovak and Czech exchange partners during their clinical work on the wards, assisted surgical procedures, visited morning meetings, classical ward rounds. Some differences could not have been greater (as the high number of in- house patients) where as operational techniques i.e. hysterectomy and cesarian section were comparably alike. All our observations initiated interesting discussions and exchange with the Slovak as well as the two colleagues from Estonia who were at the same department in Bratislava.

Friday and Saturday were reserved for the ENTOG conference which discussed "Leadership in OB/GYN". Focus were quantity vs competency-based evaluation of trainees within ObGyn plus a discussion about how closely trainees should be supervised during their specialist- training. Very interesting aspects in the development and future of our specialist- training were argued for and against and simply to hear about the differently organized training periods was inspiring. Never would I have imagined how widely ranged the responsibilities and aspects of ObGyn trainees are.

The local organizing committee did a great job in showing us around Bratislava and surrounding countryside and did all to let us experience the generous Slovak hospitality. I am positive that the contact with Slovak and colleagues from all around Europe will last into the future. We have already exchanged guidelines, logbooks for trainees, and most of all shared a genuine possibility for European exchange.

I thank the NFOG fund for the support which made my visit to Slovakia possible.

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