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Concerning : Report after attending DDW conference, Orlando, USA

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Dear Ms. Saskia ter Braak,

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From Saturday, May 18th to Tuesday, May 21, 2013, I took part in the Conference "Digestive Disease Week (DDW)" that was held in Orlando, USA.

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It was a wonderful experience to attend the conference and it was amazing and inspiring to see number of scientist at the same time. The conference enables me to make more new contacts which would definitely help me for my future collaboration. I am therefore very grateful to the NVVI for their contribution to attend this conference.

Prof M.J.Bruno MD PhD
Department Chair

On the first day, Saturday, May 18, I had my poster presentation about my research. The subject was "Neutrophils as antigen presenting cells in Crohn's disease". During my poster presentation I had chance to meet people who do similar research and from them I received few comments which will be useful for doing some follow up experiments.

Clinic

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Following the poster presentation, on 21st May I had an oral presentation. The topic for my presentation is "Defective GM-CSF beta receptor signaling in Crohn's patients bearing the NCF4 risk allele". My talk received many enthusiastic comments from many scientists, which makes me to feel proud of my own research.

Laboratory

Prof M Peppelenbosch PhD (head)
PA Boonstra PhD
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In addition, there was ample opportunity to take other subjects. The "danger" of doing research is that you focus too much on one subject, and the relationship with the bigger picture in mind in danger of losing. Because this conference is broad in scope, so it also gave me the opportunity to talk to about other developments that are not directly related to my own research, such as the microbiome of the gut, new endoscopic techniques, and diagnostics to me gastroesophageal reflux disease.

Sincerely,

Rajesh Somasundaram

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