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Travel report: HUPO HIPP Immunopeptidomics conference 2018

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The travel grant from the Dutch Society of Immunology allowed me to visit the first Immunopeptidomics conference in Madrid, Spain. As a third year PhD candidate this conference was very helpful for me since my projects revolve around the new technique of immunopeptidomics and subsequent mass spectrometry. The conference was organized on a small scale, allowing for elaborate interaction between the limited number of participants and the experts in the field. The speakers gave interesting talks and opened up new perspectives across several topics, which together formed a nice overview of all possibilities and applications of the immunopeptidomics field. Especially since this line of research is still immature, it was very helpful to discuss pitfalls, tips, tricks and protocols in detail. This was further mediated by the poster presentations of all participants, at which the experts in the field were actively involved and shared their experience and expertise with young scientists being new in the field.

I am grateful for the financial support provided by the Dutch Society of Immunology which allowed me to attend this conference. Overall, this allowed me to broaden my knowledge in a relatively novel technique that we can now better apply to answer our own research questions.