

Travel report 4th European Congress of Immunology, Vienna (AU), 6-9 September 2015

Due to the granted travel support to me by the NVVI, I attended the 4th European Congress of Immunology in Vienna. One of my goals was to present my abstract on “The effect of long-term probiotic intervention in fast-aging *Ercc1*^{-Δ7} mice”, which took place on 9 September. Several valuable comments for future studies were made.

Furthermore, I was inspired by many talks during the congress. Besides enthusiastic keynote lectures by e.g. Fiona Powrie and Luke O’Neill, there were many smaller talks that triggered my imagination. For instance, the talk by Andrew MacPherson (Bern, CH) on the interplay between microbiota and mucosal immunity was touching on work I am currently involved in.

In addition, I spoke to other immunologists about some of our results that we could not explain, but very much triggered us. One of those results comprise an effect of gut microbiota (or microbial supplementation) on hematopoietic precursors in bone marrow.

Last but not least to mention, the congress was organized in the world-famous city of Vienna. Most of the days, we went out to enjoy the beautiful city center.

In summary, I am grateful for the support by the NVVI that enabled me to expose my work to fellow immunologists and that also enabled me to get fresh ideas about (other) obtained results.