

The first time that I heard about AMP was when I start to work in a Molecular Pathology Laboratory 4 years ago. My lab supervisor and the lab medical coordinator went to AMP meeting and when they came back, they were excited with the new technologies and tests that were discussed during the meeting. Since then, every November, I expect they bring the innovations and possible tests that we could implement in our clinical routine. Deep inside, I kept wondering when I would have the opportunity to be personally at the annual meeting.

It is a privilege to work in a laboratory that has access to the newest techniques, such as NGS, and can offer tests to personalize medicine and give the patients the chance to have the right treatment at the right time. But unfortunately, this is not the reality for the most part of my country.

I was especially interested to attend the workshops about Variant Interpretation and Clinical Implementation of Liquid Biopsy. The main lesson I learned during AMP meeting is that, besides being from a developing country, our doubts is everyone doubts and the experts from a specific area may not have all the answers yet. And that's why this meeting is so important: people with different background exchanging experiences and working together in order to develop the best diagnostic practices and give the most appropriate opportunity to patients.

It is noteworthy how the event was well organized. The AMP Expo Hall allowed to interact with several industry experts and the diversity of posters provided an overview of what is being done with different technologies among several laboratories.

I am so grateful for AMP International Travel Trainee Award made it possible for me to attend the AMP Annual Meeting 2018. It was a wonderful and valuable experience. I hope to see you next year in Baltimore.

Thank you and regards,

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