

AMP ANNUAL MEETING 2018: POST MEETING REPORT

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I am extremely grateful to the Association of Molecular Pathology (AMP) and my institute Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, India to give me the opportunity to be a part of this international platform.

Being a trainee from a developing country leaves you with minimal resources when it comes to being a part of international meeting and conferences. The travel award offered by AMP gives a marvelous opportunity to the fellows and trainees in the field like me. Thereby, I feel grateful to AMP for awarding me the 'International Trainee Travel Award' which made it possible for me to attend the AMP 2018 held at San Antonio, Texas. I also want to emphasize that being a member of AMP creates an enormous awareness and gives you a wide range of resources to learn in the field of molecular biology.

For me, the main highlight of the meeting was that it provided a huge networking platform due to which I could learn from the renowned professionals in the field. Also, I had a privilege to connect with a lot of fellows and trainees from all over the world and get to know their perspective, experiences of various centers and future possibilities for my career.

Along with it, the academic sessions and workshops were also very informative and interactive. Corporate exhibits were very well organized yielding a lot of new and upcoming technologies and platforms.

AMP also provided me a great opportunity to present my work in front of such a grand audience. I am also highly obliged that my work got selected for presentation in the 'Young Investigator Award' category. It gave me immense pleasure and boosted my self confidence. Poster as well as oral presentations is an exquisite way of learning and sharing the experience of various centers. I was fascinated to see that there were over 500 poster presentations in the conference. Discussing the work of several institutes from all over the world enhanced my knowledge on the latest technologies and assays, including Droplet Digital PCR and Next Generation Sequencing, in addition to various other new modalities and techniques.

Last but not the least, AMP staff was extremely helpful and made every effort to make us feel at home at such an enormous gathering. The venue of the conference and the surroundings including the San Antonio river walk were beautiful and refreshing.

Once again, I am really thankful for selecting me for this distinguished award and providing me this amazing opportunity.

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