

NTV Scholingsbeurs: American Transplant Congress in Boston

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Thank you for the opportunity to visit the American Transplant Congress 2016 in Boston. It was a very good experience where I learnt a lot.

The congress started with the precourse on basic immunology in transplantation. And since my own PhD project covers only a very detailed immunologic part of transplantation, it was very helpful to start with a broad overview again. The majority of the talks are about immunologic aspects of transplantation so it was good to hear all the basics before the congress started.

The rest of the days I tried to visit part of the talks on my own research but also new research and different aspects of transplantation. Because I will become a nephrologist after my PhD research, I thought it would be useful to visit a few clinical talks about immunosuppression. And of course I supported all the colleagues from the LUMC in their talks!

The highlight of the congress was of course my own talk. It was an experience and great opportunity to talk on a big international congress for the first time and I would love to do it again in the future! It was really nice to hear the feedback of other visitors and talk about my research afterwards. I have met many interesting researchers at the poster sessions and have made good contacts for the future.

The congress also gave me the opportunity to meet the research group from Boston which we collaborate with on one of my projects. Until now we only met in conference calls so it very nice and good for our research to meet them!

I really enjoyed the congress so thank you once again for the opportunity.



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