

13th International Summer School 2017 (Dublin, Ireland)

The 13th International Summer School was easily one of the best experiences I've had in my life. Socially, it was more than I could ever imagine. On trips to Dublin, in addition to events organized at Trinity College in the heart of the city of Dublin, which is a wonderful and welcoming town itself, I lived personal enriching moments and I made friends from all over the world, of whom I'll certainly remember forever. Who knew that in just three days you could learn so much, have so many new experiences and form so many new friendships?

The joint EFI/ASHI/APHIA Summer School meeting provides a focused course on theoretical and applied Immunogenetics and Histocompatibility. We have the opportunity to present our own research. This gives a great opportunity to learn diverse fields of histocompatibility and immunogenetic working in the field in different parts of the world. During the International Summer School, introductory lectures were followed by interactive discussions on recent developments, promoting educational and scientific exchange encompassing the latest developments in the field of immunogenetics. Among the topics which was presented including fundamentals of HLA, non-HLA genes and transplantation, HLA and transfusion, histocompatibility testing techniques, histocompatibility & immunogenetics of solid organ and haematopoietic stem cell transplantation, HLA and autoimmunity, HLA and infectious disease, future directions in Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics.

By being a member of APHIA, I have the opportunity to apply for summer school bursary. The bursary enabled me to attend the summer school with fully-funded flight as well as accommodation.

