

Deepak Vishwanath's Scholarship Funding Report

I am a final year trainee in Interventional Radiology. I am grateful to SRS for funding me to attend the CIRSE 2016 meeting held in Barcelona, during 10 - 14 September 2016 and to present my poster on "Regional Anaesthesia Aiding Peripheral Vascular Interventions In Patients With Ischaemic Rest Pain".

CIRSE 2016 was an annual meeting organised by the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe. It is the meeting place where the latest technologies and new ideas and indications that improve image guided therapies are presented. The 2016 meeting was one of the most successful meeting, and was attended by more than 6700 delegates.

Barcelona being one of the most diverse cities, bursting with culture, contemporary art and culinary excellence, was an ideal backdrop for this meeting of global IR experts.

There were a number of interesting sessions I attended and a lot of new ideas were being shared. Of particular interest were the sessions on Aortic emergencies and intervention, below knee vascular intervention, Interventional Oncology, Venous intervention and prostate artery intervention. The meeting also had live stream and catch up video sessions available online, which was very helpful in catching up on sessions which I could not attend live. Some of the hands-on workshops were very useful.

My poster was on usage of sciatic nerve block within the popliteal fossa as regional analgesia for patients with ischaemic rest pain undergoing lower limb vascular interventional procedures. The nerve block is an important anaesthetic adjunct to below knee vascular interventions as therapeutic interventions can be lengthy and these patients cannot lie flat for any length of time.

This was an excellent meeting to attend and a lot of information to take in. I am once again thankful to SRS to support me to attend this meeting.

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