I attended the 30<sup>th</sup> European educational epidemiology programme (EEPE) in Florence Italy with the 25000 Nok international travel grant from the Norwegian research school of global health (NRSGH). The course was intensive and 3 weeks long from 19 June to 07 July 2017. It was delivered by experts in the filed of epidemiology and biostatistics in Europe. Below is a summary of the modules that I attended:

## WEEK 1: 19 – 25 June 2017

- 1. Epidemiological methods 1: basic principles and introduction to study design
- 2. Statistical models in epidemiology 1: basic principles

## WEEK 2: 26 June - 30 June 2017

- 1. Epidemiological methods 2: case-control studies
- 2. Statistical models in epidemiology 2:Data analysis exercises

## **WEEK 3: 3 July – 7 July 2017**

- 1. Advanced statistical topics
- 2. Clinical epidemiology: The evaluation of medical tests



Picture: Me (Circled:)) and other NRSGH students in beautiful Florence, Italy.

Attending this course has given the opportunity to learn more epidemiology concepts and statistical methods, which I did not know. I have created new networks as well as good friends. I reunited with other PhD students who are studying at various Norwegian universities and received similar funding. Although the course was very intense whereby lectures ran from 8:30 until 18:30 in the evenings, on the weekends I was able to relax and explore one of the world's most romantic cities. Without this

grant, this would not have been possible. My one suggestion to the NRSGH is that the amount awarded should be increased for students who are outside of Europe such as my self. The amount itself was not enough to cover all the expenses to attend the course. All in all however, I want to thank NRSGH for the grant and making it possible for students to study beyond Norway.

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