

Report - NRSRGH International Training Grant 2018

I attended the 16th International Conference on Informatics, Management, and Technology in Healthcare held on 6th to 8th July 2018 in Athens, Greece. This year, the conference was about use of data in healthcare in cooperation to use of technology and informatics itself. This was with the aim of improving healthcare. The conference included keynote speakers, and numerous paper, and poster presentations. As one of the presenters, I presented a paper entitled “Using Innovation-Decision Model to Describe the Adoption to Utilization of HIV-Data for Decision-Making in LMICs”. I also received constructive feedback upon presenting the paper, which enlightened me on some important aspects to think about.

Social activities/events included a guided tour at the famous Acropolis Museum and a Gala dinner. This provided interaction and social networking. As a result, I was able to interact with professionals in the health informatics field, and fellow PhD candidates thus got to know what their projects are about, and also exchange ideas and contacts. In addition, the paper presentations and keynote speakers uncovered the challenges in my field (health informatics) as well as potential and upcoming areas in the field. This provided me with more insights as I embark to continue with research. In addition, the dissemination component is a mandatory aspect of the training component in my Phd track. As such, participation in the conference will contribute to the dissemination component in my studies.

In overall, I was satisfied with the conference and did not have any negative experiences to report about. I would recommend this conference to PhD students who are keen on integration of healthcare with technology or how technology can improve healthcare. I would also like to thank the Norwegian Research School of Global Health (NRSRGH) for enabling me to attend the conference.



Group photo of participants taken at the famous Panathenaic Stadium built entirely of marble in Athens, Greece