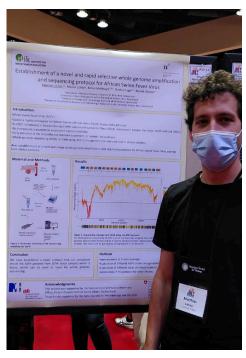


## **TRAVEL GRANT REPORT**

41st American Society for Virology Conference			
Madison, WI, USA, 16-20 July 2022			
Virology			
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I started my PhD during the pandemic and after two years the 41st American Society for Virology Conference was the first meeting I could physically attend. This was a large meeting with about 1600 participants presenting their research in many different virology fields and was held in Madison (WI) between the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2022. During this short week, I had the opportunity to present my work on the Establishment of a novel and rapid selective whole genome amplification and sequencing protocol for African Swine Fever Virus as poster. Here I could answer questions from people interested in my work and



In front of my poster, I had interesting discussions with other researchers.

received good inputs on how to try to improve my methodology. Some were also interested in the possibility of adapting this methodology for other dsDNA viruses.

I would like to thank the SSM for giving me the financial support needed to participate at this international meeting allowing me to have the opportunity to exchange knowledge with people working in the same field.