

# TRAVEL GRANT REPORT

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Thanks to the support of the SSM, I had the opportunity to participate to the 29th European Congress of Clinical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases (ECCMID), from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. This international congress represent one of the most important congress about infectious disease with an audience of over 13,000 participants from all over the world.



The program of this congress was various, incorporating keynote lectures and oral sessions, as well as interactive workshops, meet-the-expert sessions, and a wide range of symposia.

I had a mini-oral presentation the first day about azole resistance in *Aspergillus fumigatus* and then the following days, I assisted to all the mycology sessions mainly about patients with fungal infections, antifungal therapy and emergent pathogenic fungi (e.g. *Candida auris*). All these topics were related to my thesis project and gave me the opportunity to improve my knowledge. The symposium entitled “Host versus fungi in a rapidly changing landscape?” was really interesting. It started with a review of Katrien Lagrou about changing fungal landscape, which were dependant to host, pathogen and environment. The next presentation of Dimitrios P. Kontoyiannis described the risks of invasive fungal infections associated to new immunotherapeutic and molecular targeted agents. This symposium was closed after a debate between Agostinho Carvalho and Frank van de Veerdonk to know if the host’s response to invasive fungal infections should be measured.

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