



International Scholarship Report

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine 35th Annual Scientific Meeting
2018 scholarship report: Kago T. Mokute

I was a fortunate recipient a scholarship to attend the 35th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine through the ACEM foundation. I arrived in the week leading up to the conference and stayed in a luxurious hotel with six other international scholars from Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea.



Figure 1: 2018 ACEM International Scholarship recipients before the Welcome Ceremony.

From left: Kago Thuto Mokute (Botswana); Duncan Sengiromo (Papua New Guinea); Maung Wunna (Myanmar); Masum Poudel (Nepal); Htet Htet Win (Myanmar); and Madurangi Ariyasinghe (Sri Lanka)



Figure 2: Megan Cox and Kago Mokute

The first week was packed with activities involving visits to the Royal Flying Doctors Service, the Perth Children's Hospital, Fiona Stanley Hospital Emergency Department and the Rottnest Island Nursing Post. The visits were appropriately mixed with a lot of entertaining social and tourist activities the highlight of them all being cycling and touring through the picturesque Rottnest Island.



Figure 3: International Scholarship recipients at the Royal Flying Doctors Service with Prof. Chris Curry



Figure 4: International Scholarship recipients at Fiona Stanley Emergency Department with Ngaire Caruso and Karen Eastwood

Conference activities began with the Welcome Ceremony where the International Scholars were awarded certificates of their scholarships. The conference then got underway with interesting and thought-provoking discussions. There was plenty of opportunities for networking and encounters with some leaders of Global Emergency Medicine. It was a life and practice changing experience.



Figure 5: Kago Mokute with the legendary Chris Nickson from Life in the Fast Lane



Figure 6: International scholarship recipients with a painting of an Australian icon, the enigmatic kangaroo.

The Welcome Reception, International Emergency Medicine Dinner and the Gala Dinner were great opportunities for fun, relationship building and networking. The highlight of the week came during the International scholar presentations where we were given an opportunity to discuss the development of Emergency Medicine in our respective countries. It was also a great opportunity to hear presentations from other developing countries and learn from the challenges they have faced and how they have overcome them.



Figure 1: International scholars and their team of supporters following their presentations

In conclusion, I would like to acknowledge that being a recipient of the 2018 ACEM scholarship was a huge privilege. It was a life changing experience. I would like to extend a massive thank-you to everyone who helped make our visit to Australia remarkable, with special gratitude to Karen Eastwood, Prof. Chris Curry and Ngaire Caruso for guiding us through our tour of emergency care facilities.