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Report of the FEBS Advanced Lecture Course on Extracellular Matrix: Cell Regulation, Epigenetics and Modeling, 27th September to 2nd October 2018

I would like to thank International Society for Matrix Biology (ISMB) travel grant to attend the FEBS Advanced Lecture Course on Extracellular Matrix: Cell Regulation, Epigenetics and Modeling, to be held in the Conference & Cultural Center of the University of Patras, 27th September to 2nd October 2018.

I am currently a Postdoc in the laboratory on Dokuz Eylul University and work on scleroderma and fibrosis. Also, My PhD thesis about fibrosis mechanism and scleroderma pathogenesis. Also, I presented my preliminary data and this course was the perfect place for it.

This advanced course was an excellent opportunity to give me new perspectives. Also, all participants served the conference well in terms of the breadth of research presented. Lectures were so powerful and informative. Especially the new techniques were very useful for me and our researches. Also, I learned a lot of new things. My poster and oral presentation was about on the meprins on scleroderma pathogenesis. I had very interesting discussions.

The course program was very impressive. The program started at 9am, and finished about 7pm. Lectures, selected talks and flash talks were so interesting. I attended to all lectures where worldwide experts, in that varied range of research areas, presented their research. The poster time after lunch provided a great opportunity to spend the time with other participants and lecturers. There were also career development sessions designed for PhD students presented by representatives of the FEBS Education Committee.

The social program was so enjoyable. Thanks to all organizing committee. For me, this was an extremely stimulating and impressive experience. Also, I was very chuffed to be part of such an amazing scientific event and I am very grateful to the ISMB for their support.

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