Emergency Physician Working as an EM Consultant in UK and Poland
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AAEM has a long history of involvement in international emergency medicine through conferences, committees and the operation of the AAEM Scientific Assembly. In recent years, AAEM had partially or fully funded multiple international EM physicians for participation in AAEM Scientific Assembly through an international scholarship program. The objective of this program is to aid development of liaisons and fostering of opportunities for exchange of information, education, and ideas with international EM societies and organizations. The program is administered by the International Committee and participants are invited to apply. Applications are reviewed by committee members and applicants are ranked by several factors including the strength of their resume and potential to promote emergency medicine in their country of origin.

— Ashley Bean, MD MA FACEP FAAEM, Chair, AAEM International Committee

In 2017, I was granted a scholarship for the AAEM Scientific Assembly in Orlando.

As an emergency physician working in Poland and UK, I was very interested to join this conference for the first time in my life. As we all try to advance our knowledge and stay updated with everything in our field, my expectations were very high prior to arrival for this Scientific Assembly. I have to admit that I was astonished by the positive feeling, extraordinary people, and the quality of presentations that took place during this Assembly.

I was gaining more and more each day, and I think it was a turning point in my professional career. At this conference, I realized that if you want to practice emergency medicine in the way that meets international standards you have to be at such conferences, meet these top-speakers in this field, and participate actively in this type of event.

Moreover, I realized that without strong involvement in such events like AAEM Scientific Assembly, my professionalism will be lacking something very important — it is also about knowing and meeting with people dedicated to emergency medicine, people with great values and great character, people who share similar values in life and work.

I am very proud that I had the opportunity to participate in AAEM Scientific Assembly in 2017 in Orlando and I am very grateful for granting me scientific scholarship for AAEM conference.

As a result of this involvement and participation in the Scientific Assembly I became a member of the AAEM Clinical Practice Committee, International Committee, and Quality Standards Committee. I was also inspired by AAEM to attend MEMC-GREAT 2017 in Lisbon as a speaker, conference abstract reviewer, session moderator, and participant.

In my work place, I managed to inspire my colleague to join AAEM and to actively participate in AAEM conferences.

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