

It is difficult to find right words to describe my first reaction and feelings when I got the letter about receiving the ISVO-Acrivet scholarship. My month long experience was spent at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital of the Autonomous University of Barcelona. In the beginning it felt a bit scary to be in totally different language environment, but dr Marta Leiva and Dr Teresa Peña Giménez, residents Martí Cairó, Daniel Costa gave me warm reception, made me feel very welcome and homelike so I could concentrate on learning.

Average day was 12-hour long. The day started with rechecks for in-house patients and it was followed with journal clubs or reading Gelatt's Veterinary Ophthalmology. Articles from the journal of Veterinary Ophthalmology were discussed day-to-day. After some settling in I was also preparing articles for discussion. There were intense case load and beside dogs and cats, I could see a few birds with eye problems and learned interesting facts. Beside the work in clinic we had also callouts from equine farms. This scholarship gave me the chance to see several multiplex cases that I would have never seen in Estonia and also got to see equine patients, which I have had very little experience before. During my stay I got to see diagnostic tools that we don't have access to in my home country, like ERG. I had chance to undergo several eye ultrasounds which gave me needed impulse to start to practice it my own patients now. One of the highlights was to see phacoemulsification with intraocular lens implantation for the first time in real life! In addition, we had histopathology round with the proper instruction, it was interesting that I could ever imagine. On a quieter day I had the chance to practice surgery techniques on cadavers, which I would like to continue practice in Estonia. Each week we had clinical case discussions, going through cases, differentials, diagnostics, treatment plans and follow up's helped to understand the wider perspective of processes.

This experience gave me so much more motivation and strength of will. One year subscription as a bonus to Veterinary Ophthalmology helps me to keep up with latest knowledge in the field. I want to thank ISVO, Acrivet and ACVO for this amazing opportunity and encourage other veterinarians to apply for ISVO Acrivet Scholarship. There is so much to obtain from it!

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