

For years I dreamt about visiting COPLOW, this prestigious reference center I had read about through numerous publications. This dream came true when I received the immense honor of being selected for the 2017 ISVO-Acrivet scholarship. The scholarship brought me for one month from Zurich, Switzerland to Madison, Wisconsin, at COPLOW and with the University Wisconsin-Madison team in clinics.

Since I received the ISVO-Acrivet scholarship, my career in ophthalmology has accelerated and I left the grey Parisian skies and home emergencies to become an ECVO resident at the University of Zurich. What a change!

The scholarship gave me the opportunity to spend a month at the University of Wisconsin—Madison. I spent the first two weeks at COPLOW, where I improved my general knowledge of ocular histopathology working alongside the talented lab team. These two weeks were

incredibly rewarding as they gave me a much more thorough understanding of something that was previously unclear to me. Each case became more and more interesting and I would have happily spent two more weeks there as I learned exciting things. I now view ocular histopathology as the opportunity to investigate a crime scene where I try to understand and diagnose what has happened! I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity and wish to thank the whole team for their wonderful welcome.



Throughout my time, I was fortunate to stay with Dr. Dubielzig and his wife Doris who welcomed me into their home. It was also a pleasure to learn from Dr. D, especially during his comparative anatomy sessions. I would also like to thank Leandro for his pedagogy and his cheerfulness. Along with, Kate, Gillian, Megan and my friend Uche!

After COPLOW, I spent the next two weeks in the clinic, where Dr. Miller involved me in all cases and treated me no differently than his full-time residents. I could feel his passion for teaching and thank him for welcoming me to his team. I also enjoyed the warm atmosphere that exists between the residents and mentors, facilitated by Dr. Bentley and Dr. McLellan's

good humor. Thanks also goes to Kevin and Becky for their kind welcome and their gift of book reading on visual physiology the first day!

The scholarship also allowed me to attend my first ACVO conference in Minneapolis this year, where I had the opportunity to present one of the studies from my ECVO residency.

In summary, my time in Madison was very enriching thanks to the knowledge gained and the interesting people I connected with. I am convinced that what I have learned, especially as it relates to ocular histopathology will be very useful throughout my residency and career in ophthalmology. I would highly recommend applying for this scholarship which is a great opportunity that ISVO and Acrivet offer to young veterinarians to further their career in ophthalmology. Finally, I would like to sincerely thank Dr. Sébastien Monclin for telling me about the scholarship and encouraging me to apply.