

I was very honored to be selected for the ECNP Internship Programme at the Department of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry of the Hospital Gregorio Marañon in Madrid.

My two weeks internship, with good structure, ideas and goals, comprehensive as it could be, gave me the feeling that it lasted longer than two weeks. I participated in the diagnostic and clinical assessments of participants in the different research projects, focused mainly on the study of pediatric and adults' patients with psychosis, affective disorders and autism spectrum disorders. I also visited special unit for integrative care for autism spectrum disorders where I was introduced to the history, concept and future plans for that unit. The unit for adolescent care presented me their very original model of intervention in first episodes of psychosis in adolescents and the model for the treatment of the personality disorders among adolescents. I got to know some ongoing projects in the fields of prevention in child and adolescent psychiatry. I also spent time working with Dr. Covadonga Martínez Díaz- Caneja at the outpatient clinic for patients with genetic syndromes and other various psychiatric conditions, where I gained not only clinical and scientific knowledge but also closer insight in warm, human and lovely doctor-patient approach. I also participated in all the teaching activities of the Department, including General Psychiatry and CAP Grand Rounds and Seminars.

It was very exciting and extremely useful for me to have meetings with the seniors and junior researchers of the Research Team who presented their work to me in various fields: neuroimaging, genetics, neurocognitive tests, autism, etc. I was amazed by their virtues and loyalty and commitment to the science. For me, as an absolute beginner in the field of neuroscience and Child and Adolescent psychiatry, meeting with Prof. Celso Arango and discussing with him the present and the future of this field, analyzing us as professionals but also as everyday persons with their needs and dreams, defining ambition and common good, sharpening and shaping the idea of our goal as a child and adolescent psychiatrist, was priceless and unforgettable.

To take a closer look, to participate, to understand and to witness one beautiful and impressive example of "State-of-art" institution, is something I will remember all my life. I already defined all the things I have learned that I want to apply in the fields of neuroscience and Child and Adolescent psychiatry in Montenegro. I strongly believe I built the relationship with my colleagues in Madrid that with time will grow stronger and better.

I want to thank especially to the Scientific Director of the Research Group Dr. Covadonga Martínez Díaz- Caneja who waited for me every morning with the smile and full schedule of activities, who listened to all my dilemmas and always provided me good answers. I also thank to the very inspiring figure-Prof. Celso Arango and all the others enthusiastic and lovely professionals I have met during this amazing internship.

I left Madrid inspired and motivated. I put the scientific and professional bar very high and also all my personal expectations, which I will, hopefully, one day achieve.

Thank you ECNP for building the scientific and unique network among all of us, without any borders.

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