

Report on attending a Short Course “12TH INTERNATIONAL COURSE IN
ADVANCED SINUS SURGERY TECHNIQUES (including dissection)” organized at the
AMC, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from 26-03-2015 to 27-03-2015 .

I write this letter to the ERS in order to acknowledge the fact of having received support from the ERS to attend to the course as mentioned previously as a junior member.

At first I was very nice being effusively greeted by the entire staff of the course, apart from receiving the corresponding bibliographical material to follow the presentations.

The first day of the course we could attend to interesting presentations related to the nasal anatomy dictated by Dr. Gwijde Adriaensen, sinonasal radiology issued by Dr. Nicole Freling. Apart from a very full and interesting lecture about the management of orbital pathology dictated by Dr. Saeed. Apart from this we receive a high level presentations given by Dr. Fokkens about the approaches of the frontal sinus, as well as surgical treatment of inverted papilloma by medial maxillectomy by an enthusiastic and animated Dr. Kamel. Later in the afternoon we had the opportunity to attend an impressive lecture about the management of frontal sinus mucoceles dictated by Dr. Sama.

Also we could watch videos of surgery performed in this clinic, and during the afternoon we can attend to the dissection lab, which turned out to be sensationally equipped (fresh specimens, Neuronavigation, drill systems, and all kind of surgical instruments).

The second day we started with the lecture about the management of CSF leak given by Dr. Reinartz and then receive three lectures of high quality each of them. The first was dictated by Dr. Bernal Sprekelsen about the management of nasopharyngeal angiofibroma, another by Dr. Georgalas about the surgery of the pituitary gland, and the last one given by Dr. Herman about sinonasal malignancies.

The second day we also perform the dissection in fresh cadaver. Altogether during the two days we were able to perform dissection techniques on FESS, lacrimal duct surgery, sinus surgery, transsphenoidal, transclival and transcribiform approaches.

Overall I am very satisfied with the course. After my return to my hospital i shared and discuss all the knowledge and experience gained during the course with my colleagues. And now i can use this information in my daily practice, to improve the care to my patients.

I am grateful to the European Rhinologic Society for this opportunity and for the support. I hope this kind of fellowship programme will benefit many other trainees from Europe.

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