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#### **Conference Attended:**

The World Congress of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, SEC, Glasgow, Scotland  
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The IASSID World Congress offered a threefold opportunity to advance my PhD and academic/research profile. Firstly, this conference has a specific strand, profound intellectual and multiple disabilities (PIMD), which aligns with my research. I presented an oral paper, 'Classic Grounded Theory (CGT) as an approach to research involving people with severe/profound intellectual disability'. This was a unique opportunity to highlight my PhD to a multidisciplinary audience working in this specific research area. Secondly, I established and developed new links and discussed opportunities for collaboration with key researchers in this field. Lastly, I attended an Early Career Researchers (ECR) meeting of the PIMD SIRG which offered opportunities for advice and guidance from international experts as well as peer group networking.

I attended symposia and presentations about innovative support, technological advancements and inclusive practices for people with intellectual disability as well as keynote presentations by internationally recognised experts. I am grateful for the support of the College of Medicine and Health Doctoral Travel Bursary for providing me with this opportunity.