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Conference Attended: World Congress of Epidemiology; Saitama, Japan

The travel bursary allowed me the opportunity to travel to Japan to attend the World Congress of Epidemiology in August 2017. This is a large international conference that is held once every three years. The congress consisted of symposia, oral and poster presentations from a wide variety of epidemiological studies from all around the globe. The congress provided me with the opportunity to present my research at an international conference for the first time. This was a rewarding and productive experience.

Of particular interest, I attended stimulating and challenging talks on the use of big data. The early career researchers' workshop provided a great insight into the ongoing activities of the regional ECR networks and there was a fruitful discussion about the future role of these networks. I plan to join and become an active member of the European Early Career Researchers' network. Attending this conference was beneficial to me as it provided me with an opportunity to network with epidemiologists working in Ireland and internationally. It also provided me with a unique insight into the current and future role of epidemiology globally.