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Conference Attended: 17th International European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Congress, location: Geneva, Switzerland.

I am a PhD student in the School of Nursing and Midwifery. I received a College of Medicine and Health travel bursary to attend the 17th International European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Congress which took place in Geneva, Switzerland.

This conference offered me the opportunity to present my work at an international level to established leaders in the field of 22q11.2 deletion syndrome. At the meeting I presented a poster titled “Adaptation and Resilience in Families of Children with 22q11.2 Deletion syndrome” which provided an opportunity to get feedback on my work.

At the conference I also attended Synapsy 22q11.2 Deletion syndrome Symposia where I learnt of current and future directions for 22q11.2 Deletion syndrome research. 22q11.2 Deletion syndrome is now recognised as one of the highest known risk factors for schizophrenia and is considered as a model for understanding the development of psychosis. This knowledge is beneficial to the next phase of my work.

The College of Medicine and Health travel bursary was crucial to enable me to attend and participate in the conference and I am very grateful for this opportunity.