

# Report - EFORT Travelling Fellowship

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My name is Marco Baronetti and I'm a 5<sup>th</sup> year resident in Orthopaedics and Traumatology at the University of Turin. Last year, I had the opportunity to participate at EFORT travel fellowship in Switzerland from 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October thanks to EFORT and SIOT (Italian Society of Orthopaedics and Traumatology). It was really a great experience and in just one week it was possible to visit five hospitals in Switzerland and the AO Foundation. They are: Universitätsklinik Balgrist in Zurich, Kantonsspital in St. Gallen, Spital Davos, Inselspital in Bern and Universitätsspital in Geneva.

Our group of eighteen European colleagues met in Zurich on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Since from the beginning there was a big team spirit and desire to share this experience together. Before leaving we received an application form about our field of interest and, so, in Zurich this allowed us to be divided into small groups and focus on the area selected. In each hospital we always found a great acceptance and availability of the Directors and of the staff. Every day the program was always respected although it was very intense. It allowed in a very little time to learn a lot on Orthopedics and Traumatology and to see a series of surgeries. I remember in particular Prof. Gerber as a model for his professional attitude and his relation towards patients, and Prof. Siebenrock for his pleasantness shown especially on the occasion of the party with Orthopaedic Department.

A big contribution to the successful of our travel must be granted to our local organizer Dr. Lorenz Büchler, who has always opened very interesting discussions and has also concerned about our needs. At the Insel Hospital in Bern, where he works, he has been very hospitable and able to provide us a great experience, both from a scientific than human point of view.

The week in Switzerland has been a really training experience in Orthopaedics and Traumatology. Travelling always constitute a great opportunity to learn and match with other people and mentalities. I think it has also contributed to create some good friendships with other international colleagues that can be an opportunity to establish future collaborations.

I hope to see everyone in Copenhagen at the EFORT Congress.

With my best regards,  
Marco Baronetti