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It was great honour for me to be elected for participation at the EFORT Travelling Fellowship programme in Switzerland this year. I would like to express my great gratitude to the Ukrainian Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons & Traumatologists for recommending me to attend this Fellowship, to the Swiss Society of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology for extremely replete programme and perfect organisation as well as to the EFORT executive board for giving me such excellent opportunity to broaden my professional knowledge.

It was really fruitful to visit hospitals in different parts of Switzerland participating in surgeries, learning about up-to-date methods of diagnostics and technologies of treatment for different kinds of pathologies and listening presentations of my Swiss colleagues about their scientific and practical work. Due to the magnificent organisation and thoughtful programme of the fellowship one week has flown very quickly leaving the best memories.

I would also like to thank all the doctors and scientists managed my group during this week for their warmest hospitality. All of them were very friendly and manifested themselves as high professionals in their field. Particularly I was impressed by communication with Professor Pierre Hoffmeyer and Dr. Lorenz Büchler who accompanied us all the time. I am very pleased indeed to have had this experience. We discussed with Professor Hoffmeyer about opportunity of arrangement of fellowships or courses in definite subspecialties, e.g. spinal surgery, because it would be extremely helpful for young and experienced specialists from European countries.

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