

# Report - EFORT Travelling Fellowship

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The Efort Travelling Fellowship we took place in Belgium between 21. and 27. April was a good opportunity to compare work in your country to those in other countries in Europe. You could see different approaches for different problems. You also found a lot of new friends from all Europe.

When we arrived in Brussels, we didn't know each other. After one week staying together we were like old friends. Despite that the every day program was very busy we also found time to know better each other.



The organisation was perfect. Transfer from hotel to hospital was very comfortable and in time. In every hospital we arrived there was someone waiting for us. After presentation of

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hospital we went into operating room. Nurses and doctors were friendly and happy to answer to every our question. Finishing in the operatig room we had lectures from staff members or presentation of our countries. After hospital program, we had guided tour of the city we were guested. Dinner were exelent. All the resturants were good selected. Late at night we came in hotel exhausted. After long days just the more resistant ones went to taste some exelent Belgian beer.



The last two days we spend in Spa on Orthopaedica Belgica congres. Topics were about bone and joint infections, biofilm and bugs. Lectures were interesting and diverse. I was surprised about the participation of the congres. Three roomsl were all full. This is the reflection of Belgian orthopaedy comparing to other in Europe.



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At the end of the fellowship we exchanged our addresses and decided that every year we will meet each other in one country. After a draw we made a plan for the next eleven years. The first meeting will be next year in Orthopaedic hospital Valdoltra in Slovenia. This shows that at Efort traveling Fellowship we didn't just learn about orthopaedics but also how to become friends.

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