

Report - EFORT Travelling Fellowship

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Introduction

I had the great honor to represent the Danish Orthopaedic Society for the Fall EFORT Travelling Fellowship 2013 in Greece. In all we were 14 fellows with representatives from Germany, Austria, Finland, Croatia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Greece, Cyprus, Ireland, Italy and Denmark.

Day 1 and 2, Thessaloniki

After a late arrival due to night shift before departure from Denmark, I met my EFORT fellows with great expectations for the meeting program. During the days in Thessaloniki Prof. Kyrkos, Professor Sayegh, Professor Christodoulou, Professor Petsatodes and their collages put great effort to ask for our professional opinions during conferences as well as during the well planned case discussions. After visits at the Papanikolaou University Hospital and Papageorgiou General Hospital in groups we all met at the Main Auditorium of the Papageorgiou General Hospital for an interesting meeting with lectures from the staff members of both hospitals and presentations from the EFORT fellows.



Day 3, Larissa

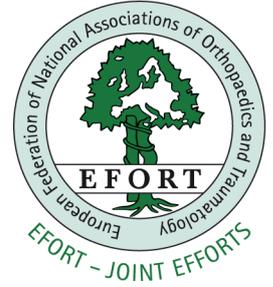
We arrived by minibus in the evening and after check in at the hotel we went for dinner with Professor Malizos and Professor Hantes at a very nice taverna where we had an exquisite dinner. Later we ended in a local bar for a nightcap.

After an initial welcome speech by Professor Malizos, our day in Larissa was dedicated to presentations by the Efort Fellows. After discussions and a tour through the University, we went for a guided tour at the breath taking Vergina museum.

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Day 4 and 5, Athens

In Athens our experiences switched between clinical experience as observers of various surgical procedures at the KAT Hospital and lectures at the KAT Hospital and at the Attikon University General Hospital, which has a very impressive Orthopaedic Research and Education Centre.

Friday afternoon we went for an incredible guided tour starting at the Acropolis Museum followed by a walk to the Parthenon.

We ended the eventful trip with goodbye dinner at the roof top terrace of Kuzina restaurant which offered an incredible view to the Acropolis at sunset.



It has been a great honour and an unforgettable experience to participate in the fellowship. The scientific program was well organized and interesting and we all had a unique possibility to meet colleagues for exchange of knowledge in a relaxed atmosphere. Furthermore, the social programme and accommodation was superb.

I would like to thank EFORT, the Danish Orthopedic Society, our hosts in Greece and my colleagues that participated in this fellowship for an extraordinary experience of orthopedics across borders.

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