



Australian and New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion
East Asia, Pacific Islands Travel Awards

TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENT REPORT

Location of Meeting: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Dates of Meeting: 29th Oct – 1st Nov

Travel Award Recipient Name: Nova Hippy

Background of Recipient:

I'm from Jakarta, Indonesia. I work for Dr. Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital, the National General Hospital in Jakarta. I am one of the doctors who work for the Blood Transfusion Services in the Hospital.

My role in the hospital is making sure that we give the right blood to the right patient, because as in Australia, most of the blood donation process is done by the Red Cross.

I was one of the people who tried to change the hospital transfusion practice in Dr. Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital, and so many changes had been made. Hopefully we will improve more and more to increase the patients' safety.

Educational activities at the meeting:

1. Oral Presentations

There are so many oral presentations that were beneficial for me. One of the presentation was: Transfusion reactions: Classifying them beyond ruling out an ABO error by M. Fung. He gave some cases as examples, and I was glad that I could answer most of them right. Hopefully I could try to make some presentations like that for my colleagues and for the nurses.

2. Poster Presentations

At the moment we are trying to put some blood fridges in the wards, and there were so many questions and there were some mistakes made. So, one of the poster about Improving the safety of blood products retrieved from unmanned blood fridges in the after-hours

setting from Western Sydney Local Health District was helpful. Hope I could get more information about that.

3. New Technology / Trade exhibition

I found so many new information about the new technologies. The molecular side of everything was still considered new to me. I also went to one of the presentation about gene therapy for haemophilia, and it was good because I do hope that it could be done soon.

The exhibition was great and I brought almost all of the brochure and books that I got from the exhibition.

4. Information / knowledge gained from attending the meeting

So many information and knowledge I have gained from the meeting, and I enjoy every moment of it. Thank you.

Even the simplest knowledge gained like "I know that" will help me a lot in improving the transfusion in Indonesia.

I also gained so many information and knowledge from the visit to the collection centre, processing centre and to the hospital. So many simple things that made the puzzle complete.

And I also found so many people who were ready to help me and filling in the information/ knowledge gap that I had.

5. Overall experience

What I like about HAA was there are three organizations which made a very good coordination. And it is so different from any other places, including mine.

I love and enjoy every moment of the experience. Right from the moment I was told that I could go till the moment I have to go back to my country. Even though it was hectic, but I love every moment.

The transportation, the accommodation, the visits, and the congress meeting were so good that it was full of story that made me smile up to this moment.

Comments and feedback

Thank you. Hope that I could visit you again and learn more from you.