

Australian and New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion
East Asia, Pacific Islands Travel Awards
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TRAVEL AWARD RECIPIENT REPORT

Location of Meeting: Perth, Western Australia

Dates of Meeting: 19th – 22nd October, 2014

Travel Award Recipient Name: Titien Budhiaty

Background of Recipient: Manager of Blood Bank RS. Akademik Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Educational activities at the meeting:

1. *Oral Presentations:* All of the Symposium presentations were beneficial for me because I want to learn and they gave me vision on how to apply changes in my work. It will not be easy but I will approach it step by step.
2. *Poster Presentations:* The Posters on how to move blood (red cells and platelets) between institutions to optimise their use and prevent waste were very relevant. I think we can make similar change in our laboratory and I would like to make a network between laboratories as an improvement activity that would ensure optimising the use of blood.
3. *New Technology / Trade exhibition:* I found the information about electronic systems for safe sample and bedside checking, the automated immunohaematology equipment, cell salvage and thromboelastometry very useful.
4. *Information / knowledge gained from attending the meeting:* I gained a lot of knowledge from this meeting, for example the ISBT session on Blood on the Battlefield gave me ideas of how to prepare for emerging situation/disaster such as earthquake, volcano eruption etc... that may affect the blood supply in my country. The lectures on haemovigilance from the UK SHOT program made me realise that there is opportunity to collect this data in my country and that we could learn from it. There was good information on Patient Blood Management and I will think about blood management policies for the future. The session on guiding transfusion was extremely useful and the speaker explained what should be considered when developing guidelines.

5. *Overall experience:* This was a great meeting, I gained a lot of new knowledge that can be applied in daily work and I also made some great contacts with people who can help me in the future. I learnt so much about clinical aspect of transfusion and how to evaluate and monitor transfusion.

Comments and feedback

Thank you for the opportunity to attend this meeting with the ISBT travel grant. I think this is very useful for developing country participant like me and please try to continue to offer this opportunity next year.

Feedback: It would be good to have a copy of the presentations.

Titien Budhiaty

Information: your reports will be submitted to ANZSBT and ISBT Councils. Extracts may be included on the Societies websites and in electronic newsletters. The feedback from your experience is valued and may assist in continued funding of travel awards.