

I am immensely grateful to the WFNRS for awarding me a generous traveling grant to attend the ESNR 2024 Annual Meeting in Paris. This opportunity has not only significantly contributed to my personal and professional development, but also to my future research endeavors in neuroradiology.

During ESNR24, I had the privilege to present my study on the clinical utility of advanced MRI techniques in neuro-oncology. Presenting my findings in front of an international audience for the first time after the study was published in the American Journal of Roentgenology, provided a platform for fruitful discussions and invaluable feedback from peers and leading experts in the field. These interactions have been pivotal in refining my research approach and exploring future directions, particularly as I plan to undertake a cost-effectiveness analysis for the utilization of advanced MRI sequences when monitoring patients with high-grade gliomas.

The sessions at ESNR24 were exceptionally informative and engaging, offering a wealth of knowledge that broadened my understanding of the field as a trainee. Each session was meticulously organized and delivered by expert neuroradiologists who also happen to be excellent communicators and passionate about teaching. From the insightful discussions on value-based radiology to the forward-thinking concepts presented in the “green radiology” session, I learned a great deal about the latest trends and sustainable practices in neuroradiology. These two sessions were particularly important to me as they directly relate to my current and future projects, ensuring that I remain at the forefront of advancements in the field.

The WFNRS traveling grant also facilitated invaluable networking opportunities, allowing me to forge collaborations that are essential for advancing my research. Engaging with other trainees, industry representatives, as well as expert clinicians and researchers at the meeting has broadened my perspective and ignited new research interests that align with the evolving trends in neuroradiology.

It was also an immense honor to meet and chat with members of the WFNRS Executive Committee, who are not only distinguished clinician-scientists, but also fierce advocates for neuroradiologists-in-training. Through their relentless work, the WFNRS creates and offers trainees across the globe and handful of opportunities such as this traveling grant, which profoundly impact our professional and personal development early on in our careers. My participation at ESNR24 could not have been possible without the WFNRS traveling grant. I am deeply thankful for this unique opportunity, and as I leave Paris with a heavy heart, I am more eager than ever to contribute to the field of neuroradiology to further advance our understanding and improve patient outcomes.

Sincerely,

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