IBRA scholarship report

Information about Scholar and fellowship

▪ Name of Scholar (Family Name/First Name): **Fioriello Julieta**

▪ Country of Citizenship: **Argentina**

▪ Name and Country of Training Center: **Teknon Center, Traumaunit, Barcelona, Spain**

▪ Name of Fellowship Director: **Dr. Casañas Joaquim**

▪ Scholarship Type: **Program B**

▪ Scholarship date: **from May 2 until June 3, 2021**

Professional and personal experience

My expectations of the scholarship were to know the way of working in another country and to acquire new surgical skills. At the same time, I liked the idea of meeting colleagues with whom to exchange knowledge

Traumaunit of Teknon, is an upper limb orthopedic and traumatology service and particularly it is a reference center in brachial plexus and peripheral nerves pathology.

During my stay at Teknon Center, I have assisted all scheduled and emergency surgeries and accompanied the team's doctors in their medical consultations, where I have been able to make a short follow-up of the operated patients.

Every day I had surgical activity and twice a week I participated in the medical consultation with Dr. Casañas and Dr. Lopez -Osornio.

I assisted 75 surgeries. I have seen a joint replacement for rhizarthrosis of the thumb. I have never seen this surgery in my country because we don’t have prostheses for this pathology.

The surgeries that I liked the most were tendon and nerve transfers for nerve palsy, arthroscopic treatment for scaphoid nonunion fractures, proximal interphalangeal joint arthroplasty, among other. I also participated in a dissection course of brachial plexus and peripheral nerves that was magnificent.

I would like to be able to obtain more knowledge about brachial plexus and peripheral nerve injuries because in my country there are very few surgeons specialized in these pathologies

I have met many doctors with whom I will keep in touch to continue exchanging knowledge, problem cases, and new surgical techniques. But above all, I have found in them good people who made me feel at home.

My experience at Teknon Center was beneficial for my training in Upper Limb Surgery. I have learned novel surgical techniques and I have made a lot of friends. Also the cultural exchange was very fun.

I recommend to futures scholars to going to the Monastery of Montserrat, in addition to the main tourist attractions of Barcelona. It is a wonderful city.

I thank Joaquim Casañas MD, Director of Traumanit and Peripherical nerve, Teknon Center of Barcelona, for transmit to me his deep knowledge of the pathology related with brachial plexus and peripheral nerves injuries. And I am very grateful to IBRA Education Committee Upper Limbs for granting me the scholarship.