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IBRA Clinical Fellowship Report

I am a Senior Hand Surgery Fellow from Argentina. I was thrilled when I wan the **IBRA Scholarship**, at the end of 2015, the perfect timing to further develop my abilities after my two-year training in Buenos Aires.

I spent 4 weeks at the **Zentrum für Handchirurgie** in Ravensburg, Germany. A lovely city, 20 minutes by train from the amazing Lake of Konstanze.

In charge of **Prof. Hermann Krimmer** and his team, the centre receives patients from all around the region.

The outpatient centre, runs in its own building with cabins and two high-tech operating rooms. However, the major surgeries are held at the **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, right next door. The other five surgeons who complete the crew, take care that the surgeries are completed as

scheduled. The in and out of the operating room is so well organized that it can reach about twenty procedures a day.

As a trainee I was allowed to scrub and help them whenever they needed me. Also, I had the opportunity to notice a vary of hand, wrist, and forearm trauma cases, but also salvages procedures and surgical congenital deformities. Professor Krimmer and his staff perform from microsurgical to arthroscopic techniques.

Their osteosynthesis stock bank allows them to work out most of the fracture difficulties promptly, with broad experience in scaphoid and distal radius.

"See one, do one, teach one."
Prof. Krimmer

Their main focus of research is:

- Multidirectional fixed angle devices for fracture treatment, especially of the radius, and
- New devices for salvage procedures.

Prof. Krimmer runs a unique Tuesday morning event. Everybody would meet for breakfast while revising surgical techniques and hand surgery papers, or discussing difficult cases. I was also asked to talk about how we do this in Buenos Aires.

Work ends around 4 pm daily, but the staff would stay till 6 doing administrative issues. At that time, I was able to do some research from a vast selection of journals.

I also attended an **IBRA International Conference** in Prague, **"All around the Scaphoid"**.

A two-day symposium on scaphoid surgery; discussing the basic procedures but also the larger range of difficulties that everyone treating the scaphoid may face.

As Prof. Krimmer was one of the faculties, he introduced me to other IBRA members and made the experience much more interesting.

What was absolutely amazing was the opportunity to handle the scaphoid plate as well as fixating it in saw bone

But this was not all. I was also invited to visit **Medartis.**

They drove me on a weekend tour through The Black Forest. On Monday we were back at Basel, to learn how **"Precision in Fixation"** is achieved.

Medartis showed me their exclusive technology and the place where their intensive research and development take place.

I had a personalized workshop, where we discussed the techniques and their new development on osteosynthesis . This invitation was absolutely worth it.

Thanks a lot for your support and encouragement. I feel I have been walking an experiential career with great prospective chances of development.
Thanks again.