

Travel report ASHG Annual meeting 2018, San Diego, USA.



In October 2018 I was able to go to the American Society of Human Genetics Annual (ASHG) meeting in San Diego thanks to the Leiden Network of Personalized Therapeutics travel grant. Prior to the ASHG meeting there was a 2 day meeting from the Pharmacogenomics Research Network (PGRN) which I also attended. A nice bonus was the opportunity to enjoy the lovely Californian weather and to attend a conference in the famous San Diego Convention Centre.

During the PGRN meeting, pharmacogenomics experts from all over the world talked about their research and the direction our field is moving in. Which was very informative and provide a good overview of what is done and what the possibilities are in this field. It also allowed for some catching up.

After 2 days of pharmacogenomics the main conference started, which was quite impressive. The topics discussed were covering pretty much everything, from the technical aspects and novel technologies to very clinical problems. Leaving me with a good understanding of the possibilities in the field of genetics. Some highlights were; the use of more and more artificial intelligence in the research field as well as a study investigating the genetics of sexual preference.



During both meetings I got to present my own research with a poster, being able to do this at such a



large conference has been a wonderful experience and provided me with input and new ideas for my own work. All in all, the conference was extremely informative and nice allowing me to meet many interesting people and share our thoughts on genetics.

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