



Children's Health Queensland
Hospital and Health Service

ANZSRS Board
c/- Leigh Seccombe

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Dear Leigh and ANZSRS Board

Re: Advanced Education Grant - April 2018 round

I wish to sincerely thank members of the ANZSRS Board for the Advanced Education Grant that enabled me to attend the Paris ERS Congress and its associated Post Grad and Clinical Education sessions held in September this year.

The general sessions of the Congress helped me to stay up to date with many aspects of paediatric lung disease – most notably - bronchiectasis treatments and current understandings of the risk factors for the development of childhood asthma.

I attended education sessions for lung function testing, CPET and body plethysmography. These sessions variably either

1. increased my knowledge of areas of testing,
2. challenged some of the practices of our respiratory laboratory,
3. confirmed that most practices of our laboratory matched the suggested standards or
4. gave me clues on new ways to teach old topics

Relevant new knowledge and ideas have been shared with others in our local team at Queensland Children's Hospital.

One specific example of a Congress impact is the use of a handout at the ERS CPET course. The course notes included recently published Paediatric CPET reference data from Prof Tim Takken. We are currently in the process of comparing our own healthy kids CPET data with the Takken Dutch data to confirm suitability for Queensland children.

Thank you again to the ANZSRS Board. I remain very appreciative.

Yours sincerely

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