

The winner of the EBAR travel grant 2003 was “The Children’s Memorial Health Institute” in Warsaw-Miedzylesie, Poland.



Prof. J. Pawlowska (in the middle) in front of the Birmingham Children’s Hospital

A REPORT: OUR BENEFITS FROM THE TRAVEL GRANT 2003

It was a real surprise but we were very happy to learn that our Polish patient won the 2003 travel grant for us. Owing to that financial assistance, we were able to attend two conferences: one was „Biliary Atresia Single Topic Conference in Europe”, and the other event was the Falk „Liver Week”.

The „Biliary Atresia Single Topic Conference in Europe” was organized by Professor Deirdre Kelly in Birmingham, England on the 4th-5th September, 2003. Both of us were invited to present our nearly 23 year-long experience in thr treatmnt of patients with biliary atresia. One person was sponsored due to the kind assistance of the organizers, and thr other benefited from the travel grant to participate in the conference. The aim of the conference was

to develop a collaborative workin group to conduct research into biliary atresia in Europe. We attend not only several superb lectures on pathogenesis, immunopathogenesis, genetic research, aminal models, and cell biology of biliary atresia but also participated in workshops. We do hope that owing to the conference, Poland will become a member of the European federation for clinical research on biliary atresia, which will promote a multicentere clinical study on biliary atresia including its epidemiology and prognosis. We are very happy to be one of the collaborators developing the database established by Professor Claus Petersen of Hanvover, Germany who holds the database of children with biliary atresia. It was also our great pleasure to visit, with several other colleagues the Liver Unit at the Birmingham Children's Hospital where Doctor Pat McKiernan was our guide.

The next meeting we could attend, benefiting from the travel grant, was the XII Falk Liver Week 2003 organized in October in Freiburg, Germany to commemorate Hans Popper's 100th birthday anniversary. There, as the main authors, we presented our papers at poster sessions, i.e. "Distribution of Peripheral Blood Lymphocyte Subsets in Childen with Severe Cholestasis Before and After Liver Transplantation", "Vitamin A and β -carotene Concentration in Childen with Progressive Familial Intrahepatic Cholestasis (PFIC), Treated UDCA or Surgical with Complete Relife of Cholestasis After Treatment" and "Living Related Donor Liver Transplantation from Hepatitis B Core Antibody Positive Donors". We were also coauthors of other five papers presented at the sessions.

We would like to thank very much to the sponsors of the travel grant and at the same time we wish success and good luck to the next grant winners in 2004.

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