

Travel report – World Immune Regulation Meeting, Davos, 19-22 March 2014

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In March 2014, I attended the World Immune Regulation Meeting (WIRM), this year with a special focus on 'Innate & Adaptive Immune Response & Role of Tissues in Immune Regulation'. The organizers of this annual meeting are Mübeccel and Cezmi A. Akdis. I had the opportunity to present my work on innate lymphoid cells (ILC) in the context of chemotherapy and allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

With an excellent list of key scientists in the field WIRM has become one of the important immunology meetings. Every day of this four-day meeting started with plenary sessions, followed by parallel workshop sessions in which I also had a talk followed by a fruitful discussion. The evenings were devoted to the poster sessions which were combined with buffet dinner, resulting in a relaxed atmosphere in which young researchers could discuss their work with others. The special lecture this year, traditionally given by an expert from another scientific field, came from Oswald Oelz (internist and Everest climber) who vividly shared his expertise in high-altitude medicine with the audience.

Altogether the meeting was very interesting and positively contributed to my PhD project. I would like to thank the Dutch Society for Immunology for their financial contribution to my visit.