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My professional experience acquired at WAAVP

Receiving an international scholarship to attend the 27th Conference of the World Association for the advancement of Veterinary Parasitology in the United States of America has been a life changing experience.

As a student and scholar from Africa particularly Zimbabwe this opportunity has allowed me discover endless possibilities through networking and other various funding opportunities. This scholarship has transformed me positively not only as a student but as an individual and has reinforced my sense of purpose and my belief through the numerous pre and post conference experiences I encountered. The international and inter-cultural competencies I acquired through the entire process allowed me to have a holistic global view of the ongoing challenges and impacts of research particularly that pertaining to parasites.

Travelling to the United States of America via Heathrow was an exhilarating experience; though the flights were, long I had the opportunity to interact with people from various ways of life. I realized that there was more to life besides our very little corner in Africa. I really enjoyed staying in Madison, Wisconsin the greenery and large water bodies together with the friendly and helpful locals reminded me of home. The actually conference was had a rather hectic schedule with a multitude of experienced and young researchers delivering talks on very interesting topics. This allowed me to broaden my views on research and identify some gaps between research in the developing world and the developed world. So much has been done and so much needs to be done and with better collaboration even more can be done.

All this was made possible through your scholarship and once again, I would like to thank you for your generosity and the personal investment and good faith you have put into my future.