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Dr Colin Evans is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the laboratory of Professor Randall Johnson at the Department of Physiology, Development and Neuroscience, University of Cambridge. His current research investigates mechanisms that regulate the strong positive association between cancer and venous thrombosis.

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Dr Evans received his first Thrombosis UK Travel Fellowship to attend the HAA-APSTH Joint Scientific Meeting in Melbourne in October 2012. This Annual Scientific Meeting of the HAA (Haematology Society of Australia and New Zealand - HSAANZ, the Australian & New Zealand Society of Blood Transfusion - ANZSBT, and the Australasian Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis - ASTH) was held jointly with the 7th Congress of the Asian-Pacific Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis; it was attended by approximately 1500 delegates from Australia, New Zealand, and the Asian-Pacific region, including clinicians, scientists and nurses. At this meeting, Dr Evans was awarded an International Emerging Investigator Prize by the ASTH for his talk entitled HIF1 Signalling Mediates Cancer-Associated Thrombosis.

According to Dr Evans, The financial support provided by Thrombosis UK enabled me to share my work and ideas with members of the thrombosis community that I would not usually be able to reach, and discuss avenues for future research on thrombosis biology with internationally-renowned investigators. Dr Evans added "I would like to thank Thrombosis UK for their generous support and acknowledge their continuing efforts to increase awareness of the pathology of thrombosis; I hope that others are able to benefit from such experiences in the future."

Dr Evans received a second Thrombosis UK Travel Fellowship in 2014, to visit the Institute of Biomedical Research at Kampala International University, Uganda.

In his invited talk, entitled "Hypoxia and venous thrombus resolution", Dr Evans highlighted the problems caused by deep vein thrombosis, and discussed the identification and treatment of this debilitating condition. To an audience of undergraduate, postgraduate, and academic staff, primarily from this developing country, Dr Evans also described the common complications of deep vein thrombosis, and how a better understanding of the mechanisms that regulate venous thrombosis could lead to the development of novel treatments. Dr Evans then met with postgraduate research students and staff with an interest in pursuing investigations of thrombus formation and resolution, and provided advice on the experimental and clinical systems that can be used to study this disease.

The Institute Director, Dr Marta Vicente Crespo, consequently invited Dr Evans to provide a number of research workshops that aim to demonstrate to junior and senior investigators, established models of thrombosis, and methods that are routinely used to assess experimental thrombosis in developed countries. Dr Vicente Crespo wrote "We hope that this [visit] is the beginning of a long lasting relationship" and we are open for more possibilities of enriching the training of our students as well as collaborative research".

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