

Endourological Society International Traveling Scholarship Report, July 2022

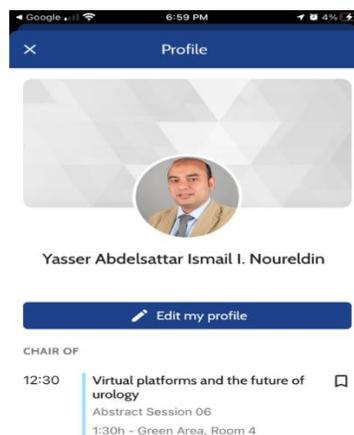
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Duration of Visit: From June 30th to July 30th, 2022

Host Faculty and Institution: Prof. Olivier Traxer, Chairman of the Department of Urology at Tenon Hospital, Sorbonne University, Paris

During 2020, I felt so happy when I received a letter from the Endourological Society congratulating me for being chosen among the winners of the International Traveling Scholarship. This scholarship provides the fund for one-month clinical or academic visit to one of the world-wide centers which possess a fellowship program accredited by the Endourological Society. I chose to obtain a mini-fellowship in Retrograde Intra-Renal Surgery from the Department of Urology at Tenon Hospital in Paris under direct supervision of Prof. Olivier Traxer. However, I was not able to start my fellowship because of the lockdown which was started in most of the countries all over the world due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Two years later, the global situation of the pandemic was improved, and I was able to start my fellowship. My visit started in Amsterdam where I spent four days to attend and chair an abstract session entitled “*Virtual Platforms and the Future of Urology*” during the first physical EAU meeting after the pandemic.



I arrived Paris on June 4th and I had a meeting with Prof. Traxer and his team to discuss the plan for the fellowship program. This was followed by an orientation tour for the hospital included the Department of Urology, the outpatient clinic, the SWL unit, and the operating theatre. Next day, we had a research meeting in the morning, and I had the opportunity to see the laboratory of Prof. Traxer and we spent the day doing an ex-vivo laser experiments which will be submitted for publication. I had the opportunity to see a significant number of RIRS for different indications such as laser lithotripsy for renal stones, Endoscopic management of upper tract urothelial carcinoma (UTUC), Endoscopic management of stones in a calyceal diverticulum, and Endoscopic management of ureteral stricture. In addition, I had the opportunity for networking with the residents, the fellows and other visiting faculty such as Dr Marcelo Esteves Chaves Campos who is an eminent Urologist in Brazil and the coordinator of the Endourology section of the Brazilian Society of Urology (SBU). I felt happy when Prof. Traxer tweeted about my visit and I enjoyed the reflections from our friends on Twitter.

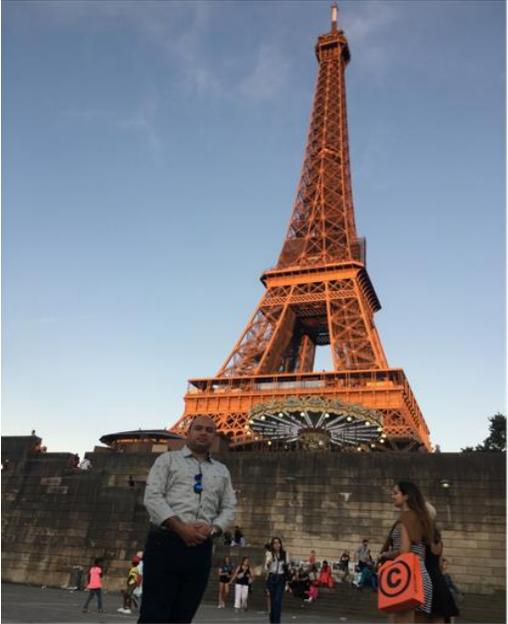


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On the entertainment side, I had some fun while using the Thalys train from Amsterdam to Paris, and I enjoyed visiting some important places in Paris such as the Eiffel tower, Louis Vuitton Foundation, the Grand Mosque in Paris, Parc Monceau, Val d'Europe and the “Arc de Triomphe” at the Champs-Élysées and Place Charles de Gaulle. During one of the long weekends, due to the national day of France on July 14th, I travelled to Vienna and visited the Vienna Opera house, the Volksgarten, the Schonbrunn Palace, the Islamic Center of Vienna on Danube river, and the Stadt park.



I really enjoyed my stay in Paris and the privilege to join the team of Prof. Traxer for this short productive period. We agreed to continue future clinical and academic collaboration through exchange visits to our clinical fellows and PhD students.

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank Prof. Traxer for the warm welcome and the support throughout the visit, and I look for the future clinical and academic collaboration. Moreover, I thank the Endourological Society for giving me this wonderful opportunity and providing the fund necessary for this visit. Finally, I must thank Michele Paoli, the executive director, for her cooperation and support throughout the journey to complete this fellowship.

Sincerely,

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