

Bone Research Society Annual Meeting, Winchester, 27-29 June 2018

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I would like to thank the Society for giving me a Travel Award, without which I would not have been able to attend the meeting. This was an excellent meeting, and gave me a number of useful experiences and opportunities for career development. I chaired an invited speaker session, and co-chaired the Muscle and Bone Workshop. I had an opportunity to present recent work on early life movement and adult joint shape. Discussions with colleagues about this work during the meeting gave me helpful feedback on this work. I took part in a 'Meet the Professor' event for new investigators, at which I shared some of my experience in applying for and managing small project grants. There were a number of high-quality UK and international speakers whose work is very relevant to my own research, including Lynda Bonewald, Sundeep Khosla, Markus Heller and Eugene McCloskey. The social events and breaks also gave me an opportunity to chat to existing collaborators in person, and to develop new collaborations with colleagues from clinical and basic science.