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**BRS travel award to attend: 'Purines 2018 International-Basic and translational science on purinergic signalling and its components for a healthy and better world' held in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, from June 19 to 22, 2018.**

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I was invited to give an oral presentation at the Purines 2018 international conference entitled 'P2X7R in primary bone cancer' during the purinergic signalling in bone cell formation and disease symposium. The conference enabled me to present my work to an international audience, discuss/develop new ideas about my research, learn about other research in the field of bone, cancer and purinergic signalling, and finally to network with various world renowned experts in the field.

From the conference I have a many highlights, firstly it was encouraging to see results that support my current findings, and to get my first oral talk experience at an international conference, this has given me a lot of confidence for in the future. I also got to see the lab group that I visited with the Barbara Mawer Travelling Fellowship last year again and update them about my project. Finally, an additional highlight was experiencing watching Brazil play a world cup match whilst been there, and visiting the Iguazu Falls.

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