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The 52 BSMM meeting was joint meeting with Irish Fungal Society and Austrian Society for Medical Mycology in Dublin - Ireland. Around 50 participants were put on stage, oral talks and poster shows.

As a PhD student, going to this meeting and being a part of this academic event would never have happened without the generous support of RSB travel grant, which helps attending to the conference and covering my flights and visa application costs as well.

Three main advantages of attending this meeting were achieved. First, the opportunity to get feedback for my research. I was offered an oral talk opportunity. After my talk, I got excellent feedbacks and comments from many delegates who interested in my research in particular my talk about the paper that I have published in February 2016 in *Environmental Microbiology*. Attending this special event offered me great inspirations for my own work.

Second, discussion and socialisation with other participants was significantly valuable for developing my view of career especially I will submit my PhD thesis very soon and looking for postdoc position within mycology field where I am interested. Discussion with attendants afterwards, sharing our research interests with each other and setting up cooperation relationships were of particular value. For that, attending this event enable me to have a chat with such experts and who were interested in my work for future cooperation.

Third, this event with small group of attendants provided me with a fantastic chance to meet, chat and make relationships with other delegates as I could meet them again and chat over refreshments or at social activities such lunch or dinner.

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Marwan Al-Maqtoofi at Dublin International Airport 19.03.2016



Marwan Al-Maqtoofi oral talk on 21/03/2016 during PhD session within the 52 BSMM meeting in Dublin – Ireland. Grand Hotel. Granted by RSB.