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Report

Opening the Door to New Careers

ESMO TRU visit



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The second ESMO Translational Research Unit (TRU) visit was held at the Karolinska Institute, CancerCenter Karolinska, 21–23 April 2004, with special focus on tumor immunology and immunotherapy. Ten young medical oncologists from different countries attended. I found the meeting to be a great success both for ESMO and the CancerCenter Karolinska, Karolinska Institute, where I am the Managing Director.

Deeper insight into tumor immunology and translational research with focus on immunotherapy of malignant diseases was well received and hopefully the attendees returned to their institutes with increased knowledge and new ideas for their research work.

From a social point of view the visit was also highly appreciated. Young medical oncologists from different parts of Europe got the opportunity to meet each other and to discuss topics of mutual interest. These friendships will be of great importance to foster better collaboration between European countries and to promote translational research and medical oncology. A TRU visit can also open the door to a new career as exemplified by the personal testimony of Maja Bradic ' below.

As President-Elect of ESMO, I urge all young medical oncologists with an interest in translational research to apply for upcoming TRU visits.

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