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### Do you know someone who you think should apply?

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## PRIVATE DONATIONS

The HCA International Foundation is always grateful for private donations which will enable us to make more Awards to suitable candidates for our Travelling Scholarship programme. In the past we have had to disappoint some excellent candidates who approached us with some very promising projects. With more funds available, we will also be able to progressively extend our work into new areas.

If you would like to explore becoming a donor to the Foundation, please email the Foundation's Communications Manager Siobhan Carroll at [siobhan.carroll@hcahealthcare.co.uk](mailto:siobhan.carroll@hcahealthcare.co.uk) or write to her at 42-52 Nottingham Place, London W1U 5NY. Charity number: 1107145

# scholarship update

## Scholarships bring advanced new surgical techniques to the UK



In 2006 the HCA International Foundation announced the creation of a number of annual Travelling Scholarships and we are pleased to be able to continue offering these awards in 2009. The Foundation would like to acknowledge a donation of £10,000 made to the Foundation from the late Mr. Alfred Nathan.

The Foundation is committed to 'the care and improvement of human life by delivering high quality, cost-effective healthcare in the communities it serves.' The creation of the Travelling Scholarships was in line with this objective by enabling young consultants and specialist registrars to travel abroad or in the UK to enhance their training by studying advanced medical and surgical techniques which are not in common use but

which would have important applications for their practice.

The Trustees of the Foundation were delighted by the quality of the previous candidates for the scholarships and have followed up the winners and noted how the application of these techniques have started to filter through to patient care.

In 2008 nine candidates were selected for interview from thirty nine applications. The nine candidates were interviewed in November 2008 by a panel of HCA Foundation Trustees, Mr. Geoffrey Glazer, Consultant Surgeon, Dr Michael Harding, General Practitioner and Susan Smith, CEO, The Princess Grace Hospital. Seven candidates were selected and a total grant amount of £60,000 was allocated.



**Mike Neeb, HCA Foundation Trustee  
and CEO HCA International**

“We continue to be delighted by this year's Scholarship Programme. The Trustees were able to award seven deserving candidates scholarships totaling £60,000.00 in 2008. Some of our earlier award winners have now completed their projects while others are waiting to begin, but we are confident that their new knowledge will be for the benefit of their patients and with time they will be able to share it with others in the medical field in the UK. We are pleased to announce that the economic climate will not effect the continuation of this programme as we are able to offer more scholarships for 2009. This will allow more doctors to make a significant contribution to the development of the knowledge and skills in the UK.”

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# 2008 Award Winners

*The following people have been awarded Travelling Scholarships.*

## ABBY CONLIN



Dr Conlin is a 4th year specialist registrar in Gastroenterology and General Medicine for the North West Deanery and is currently at Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester. She was awarded **£13,000** to train in Endoscopic Mucosal Resection (EMR) and Endoscopic Mucosal Dissection (EMD) at the National Cancer Centre, Tokyo, Japan commencing September 2009 for three months.

## ROBIN ELLIOT



Mr. Elliot is a 5th year specialist registrar in Trauma and Orthopaedics at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth. He was awarded **£6,000** to undertake a Fellowship covering all areas of Foot and Ankle surgery including trauma, adult reconstructive and sports medicine including Arthroscopy at The Brisbane Foot and Ankle Centre, Brisbane, Australia commencing August 2009 for one year.

## ROBERT HARRIS



Mr. Harris is a final year specialist registrar in Otolaryngology on the South West Thames Rotation and is currently at Great Ormond Street Hospital. He was awarded **£11,000** to learn techniques in paediatric and adult cochlear implantation at The Sydney Cochlear Implant Centre and the Princess Alexandra Children's Hospital Sydney, Australia commencing July 2009 for six months.

## COSTA REPANOS



Mr. Repanos is a final year specialist registrar in Otolaryngology in the South West England Deanery and is currently working in Bath. He was awarded **£12,000** to gain experience in techniques for the treatment of advanced head and neck cancer including use of endolaryngeal laser surgery at the department of Otolaryngology, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Australia commencing July 2009 for one year.

## ANTHONY MACQUILLAN



Mr. Macquillan is currently at the Bichat Hospital in Paris and has secured a Consultant Post in Plastic Surgery at the Royal Free Hospital. He was awarded **£9000** to learn further techniques in brachial plexus surgery and the application of functional muscle transfer at the Hand Surgery Unit, Bichat Hospital, Paris from September 2008 to January 2009.

## JUSTIN YEUNG



Mr. Yeung is a year 6 specialist registrar in the Department of Colorectal Surgery at Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. He was awarded **£5000** to learn multiple techniques in the management of advanced colonic and rectal cancers at the Peter MacCullum Cancer Centre, Melbourne Australia from February 2009 to February 2010.

## GARETH MORRIS



Mr. Morris is a Locum Consultant in Surgery for Cwm Taf NHS Trust. He is waiting to apply for a substantive post in Hepatobiliary Surgery and was awarded **£4000** to learn the technique of subsegmental liver resection at Women's Medical University Tokyo, Japan from January 2009 for one month.