



'BSG International Trainees Partnership Award' for 2016

BSG 20 – 23 June 2016

Liverpool UK

The British Society of Gastroenterology as part of its 'International Partnership Programme', invited South African gastroenterology fellows to apply for a BSG travel grant to attend the 2016 BSG annual conference. This grant was facilitated by Dr Cathryn Edwards on behalf of the BSG Executive and Council while she was a visiting scholar in the GIT Clinic at Groote Schuur Hospital where she recently spent 4 months. This is the first pilot grant which will hopefully be developed through the BSG International Secretary into a more

permanent programme of partnership between SAGES and the BSG.

In order to compete for the award, the candidates had to present clinical or laboratory research on a topic pertinent to Gastroenterology in the sub-Saharan African setting, at the Gastro Foundation Weekend for Fellows at Spier 5 – 7 February 2016.

Dr Leolin Katsidzira, from Zimbabwe but currently training at Groote Schuur Hospital, was judged by a panel of Gastroenterology Foundation Trustees and invited faculty and awarded the BSG travel grant for his work "Risk factors for colorectal cancer in Zimbabwe".

The grant includes: -

- Financial support which includes a return economy flight and accommodation during the BSG meeting in Liverpool 20-23 June 2016 and a full academic programme of lectures, moderated poster rounds and symposia during the week of the conference
- An invitation to present his work at the **BSG International Symposium** in Liverpool on Thursday 23rd June

We congratulate Dr Katsidzira on this achievement, and hope that he enjoys the conference and the experience. We look forward to reading the academic highlights from the BSG conference in a future publication of the Gastroenterology review after his trip to the UK. Dr Katsidzira, as part of the grant, was also asked to consider submitting his research article to the BSG Frontline Gastroenterology publication.

