

I was fortunate to have my abstract about home-monitoring of pulmonary pseudomonas aeruginosa infections in children with cystic fibrosis accepted for a poster at the World Society for Pediatric Infectious Diseases (WSPID) conference, which took place in Durban, South Africa. After presenting my poster, I received valuable questions and feedback to optimize my research. The content of my presentation did impress some of the attendees as well. They were surprised by the simple usage and broad application possibilities of our device and would like to stay informed of our progress. I was impressed by the wide-ranging scientific program. Most sessions were educational and practical, which caught the attention of many people and resulted in a high attendance rate.

During the conference I met many physicians and researchers. Some of them worked in the same research area as me. Remarkably, one of them, who conducts closely related research, works at Radboud UMC, which is just around the corner in comparison to Durban. This accidental meeting at the other hemisphere probably will result in a collaboration.

Overall, the WSPID conference was a great experience which broadened both my knowledge and network and motivated me to continue my work as a respiratory scientist.