



## **ESGO Traveling Fellowship Fellows Report**

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Position at Home Institution: Gynecologic Oncology fellow

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### **Name of Mentor at Host Institution: Prof. Christina Fotopoulou**

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**Dates of Fellowship:** 16.07.2018-15.08.2018

### **Detailed description on Teaching received:**

From my first day to end of my visit at Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, I was incorporated into all activities of gynecologic oncologist's daily schedule. The day was starting at 7.30. I have attended morning visits which the postoperative and preoperative patients in ward were evaluated, examined and discussed. This provided me to observe the routine practice of the center in preoperative and postoperative evaluation of the patients.

I spent most of my time in operating theatre. Prof. Christina Fotopoulou is one of the leading gynecological-oncologist in ultra-radical surgeries for advanced and relapsed ovarian cancer, and also in general advanced gynecological cancers. Observation, active participations in surgeries and assisting her were a big opportunity for me. I benefited a lot from her skills and techniques. I would like to thank Prof. Fotopoulou for sharing her experiences during both

operations and clinic. I am grateful to Dr. Lathouras for his help in all steps during this period, sharing the experiences and answering my questions about medical approaches. I observed and assisted also laparoscopic surgeries. I had a chance to learn details and selection of the patients for ongoing multicenter randomized clinical trial.

Every Friday, I attended to gynecologic tumor board. Multidisciplinary discussions helped me to improve my knowledge for instance; surgical approaches, imaging (CT, MRI) evaluations, postoperative follow up, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Also, I met new colleagues. This gave me a chance to discuss medical approaches and different perspectives of center and also other countries. I would like to thank all gynecological-oncologic team of the center. Finally I am grateful to ESGO Council for generous support, and improving relations between clinics and countries.

**Goals accomplished :**

- Advanced surgical techniques; especially techniques for upper abdomen and solid organ resections
- Postoperative care
- Improved skills related to laparoscopic radical surgeries, for instance: lymphadenectomy, radical hysterectomy
- Planning the postoperative follow-up of gynecological oncologic patients
- Approaches and planning the adjuvant treatments

**Achievement in clinical practice:**

- Preoperative evaluation
- I attended to advanced cytoreductive surgeries.
- This visit increase my confidence level.

**Presentations eg. at seminar or meetings:** None

**Research performed and outcome:** None

**Publications:** None

**Problems encountered with a critical evaluation of the fellowship experience as a whole:**  
None

**Future plan on returning to home:**

Observing different clinical, surgical and scientific techniques in ESGO accredited center would positively affect my current education and would also help me in my career later. After my experience in Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, I could have the opportunity to practice

my new skills and to share my experience with my colleagues in my country.

**Overall evaluation and comment of the fellowship:**

This visit was not only a great experience for professional point of view but also a great opportunity to discuss with other fellows the managements and protocols of gyn-oncologic diseases.

Date: 25.08.2018

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Signature:



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