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I am Dr. Dickson Wak from Papua New Guinea. I am a general surgeon working at Madang Provincial Hospital of Papua New Guinea.

I would like to thank the International Surgical Society(ISS) for giving me the opportunity to attend this Prestigious Event(the International Surgical Week 2014),which took place from the 26th to 29th August 2024 at the Kuala Lumpur Conventional Center, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. I would also like to thank the ISS for the sponsorship/travel grant and the Organising Committee for giving me the opportunity to present my research scientific paper (Titled "A Randomised Control Trial to Compare the Use of Topical Antibiotic Versus Conventional Management of Open Fractures") the in-person at the ISS/ISW 2024 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and was honoured to be the winner of the IATSIC Free Paper Prize.

It was indeed a great experience for me as this prestigious event brought together leading experts, professionals, and researchers from the field of surgery to discuss and share the latest advancements, research findings, and best practices in the surgical domain. The diverse program includes keynote speeches, panel discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities, offering a comprehensive platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration.

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I have learnt a lot during the conference and was able to meet and establish connections with fellow scholars and have professional discussions with other surgeons and the Guest Speakers from around the world. It was exciting learning the current **evidence based management** in surgical practice and development in surgery with the use of minimal invasive surgery (laparoscopic and robotics).

In Papua New Guinea (a developing country with very limited resources and a struggling health system), we mostly do traditional "Open Surgery." The knowledge gained is very useful and will help me manage patients and also share the experience and knowledge with my fellow colleague surgeons and medical students. I will also advocate on clinical scientific research that is relevant to the practise in a limited resource setting countries like Papua New Guinea.

It was truly an amazing, beneficial and a very enjoyable experience at the Kuala Lumpur Conventional Centre (KCC) during the International Surgical Week 2024

I am very interested in Minimal Invasive Surgery & General Surgery and would like establish Minimal Invasive Surgery Setup in my local hospital. I am also very interested to do further training or fellowship in Surgery, if given the opportunity in any training institution in the world. The only challenge I faced was the lack of financial support or sponsorship from my hospital and the Health Department of Papua New Guinea. I was really struggling and had to get a personal bank loan to attend this prestigious event. Therefore, I highly recommend that the scholarship for ISS must also include Ticket Fares and cover Accommodation for scholars from low-middle income countries to attend the future International Surgical Week.

I am very interested to attend the next International Surgical Week Conference with my other colleagues from Papua New Guinea.

Thank you very much.

Yours Faithfully

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