

Travel grant 2023 – Infektiotautien tutkimusyhdistys

Sheetal Patpatia, MSc

Doctoral Researcher

Human microbiome research program

Doctoral Program in Clinical Research

Faculty of Medicine, University of Helsinki

Viruses of Microbes is one of the largest conferences in the field, organized by the International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms (ISVM). This year the conference was held in Tbilisi, Georgia between 2nd - 7th of July 2023. The conference had renowned speakers across the world speaking on topics of emergence of infectious diseases and various viruses, which target different bacteria. The viruses of microbes covered lots of interesting poster sessions, workshops and ISVM general assembly for researchers. There were also lots of social activities and interesting excursion events. One of the excursion events were held at the oldest phage therapy center in the world at the Eliava Institute located in Tbilisi. There was a seminar focusing on phage therapy around the globe and many interesting presentations were held on the topic. I would like to sincerely thank Infektiotautien Tutkimusyhdistys (ITY) for granting me a travel grant for the Viruses of Microbes conference. This enabled me to showcase my research project and current findings in phage field to a larger audience. I presented a poster on Isolation and characterization of Escherichia coli phage in one of the sessions, which gathered lots of interest from the conference visitors and I got many new ideas and inputs from the experts in the field.