**REPORT ON EXPEDITION / PROJECT / CONFERENCE**

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| **Expedition/Project/ Conference Title:** | International Symposium of Plant Biology |
| **Travel Dates:** | 03-08 June 2019 |
| **Location:** | Barcelona, Spain |
| **Group member(s):** | Ejaz Hussain |
| **Aims:** | Present my research work in the form of a poster.  Represent the University of Edinburgh overseas.  Communicate my PhD project findings.  Discuss and debate my research interest with students and young researchers from across the globe.  To interact with the leaders of the photobiology field for a possible future research collaboration  To gain International experience of professional and social exposure on a global scale |
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| **OUTCOME (not less than 300 words):-** | |

The meeting I attended was 5-Day biannual International Plant Photobiology Symposium (ISPP2019), which took place in Barcelona, Spain. The ISPP Symposium draws more than 150-200 photobiology scientists and exhibitors across the globe. The first day symposium begun with the welcoming session followed by the talks of senior scientist and leaders of the photobiology field. The mostly talks were much focused on the signalling aspects of photoreceptors and I really enjoyed the peter quail talk (a world-renowned photo-biologist). During the course of the 5-days, each day was divided into four sessions, and each session focusing on a particular research topic. The invited PI’s and selected PI’s from the various regions of the world was given 30 minutes talk followed by the questions. I liked very much the session in which the students can directly ask questions from the senior scientists. I believe that was very interesting part of the symposium. The quality of work was very high and I learn many new advancements in the photobiology field. The other interesting part of the conference was poster session, in which students present their research work, and can do discussions to get the useful feedback from the eminent scientists. I discussed my project with several eminent photobiologists and received constructive criticism, and useful advice. There was another interesting aspect of the symposium in which various members of the scientific and organising committee asked about my future research plans and publications. I also discussed my future research plans with Professor Giltsu Choi (KAIST), and Professor Ute Höcker (University of Cologne). Their advice towards my research project was particularly important that would help to design my future research experiments.

Overall, the symposium was a great source of new scientific information that helped me to move my research forward. Attending the International symposium certainly rewarded me opportunity to build new scientific research network for my future career. I am very grateful to James Rennie Bequest for providing me with funds to enable me to attend this symposium.