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Dear Professor Eric Van Cutsem,

From 31 August to 11 September 2015 I have undertaken ESDO Trainee Fellowship in Surgery under the supervision of Professor Thomas Gruenberger at the Rudolf Foundation Hospital in Vienna, Austria. Professor Thomas Gruenberger is one of the leaders and great specialists in liver surgery.

During my two weeks stay at the Surgical department I had a great opportunity to follow the everyday work of Prof. Thomas Gruenberger and other surgeons. As my main interest is liver and colorectal surgery I was very happy to see and assist various operations: left hemihepatectomy, liver resection (segment V and VIII), laparoscopic rectal resection and etc. At the Surgical department of Rudolf Foundation Hospital Three-dimensional (3D) laparoscopy was started just one week before my arrival. I was able to see gastric sleeve resection, laparoscopic fundoplication and other operations performed in 3D.

At the beginning of the second week Prof. Thomas Gruenberger kindly invited me to participate at the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO) Course "Liver Surgery: from basics to advanced care". It was perfect opportunity to participate at plenary lectures and live video sessions of liver surgery. During this two days long course the participants were introduced to the diagnosis, the indication, the access, the procedure and the perioperative care of the liver and bile duct tumors.

I had really enjoyed these two week at the Rudolf Foundation Hospital. I learned not only very important principles of liver surgery, but also about everyday management of patients at the surgical department. I expect to implement some things I have learned at my home institution.

I would like to thank Professor Thomas Gruenberger for an opportunity to undertake the fellowship under his supervision. Also I would like to thank ESDO Governing Board and Professor Eric Van Cutsem for this great opportunity and support.

Sincerely,

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