

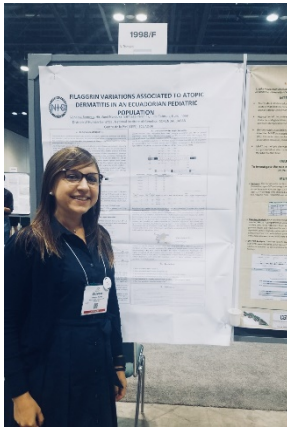
Report of attendance to the American Society of Human Genetics 2017

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Location and date: Orlando, Miami at the Orlando Convention center from October 17th to 21st.

Presentation title: **FILAGGRIN VARIATION IN ECUADORIAN PEDIATRIC POPULATION**

The 67th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) was held in Orlando, Florida, from Tuesday, October 17 through Saturday, October 21, 2017. The meeting provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of cutting-edge science in all areas of human genetics. The ASHG focuses on providing genetics professionals with the opportunity to learn how genetics and genomics are being integrated into the medical or clinical practice. Furthermore it provides educational activities for trainees and students.



I presented a poster about my research in the National Institute of Genetics from which I received a really good feedback and discussed with various doctors interested on the field. Also, I was the moderator at the platform session titled: “Exploring the impact of Archaic Ancestry” which will help interact with the speakers and demonstrate my understanding in the topic. This was a new experience to me and I consider it quite beneficial to contact the speakers and discussed about their presentations before and after the session.

The best session I attended was ‘Disease Gene Discovery Strategies’ in which the topic was related to new protocols and methods used to analyze rare cases in which their pathology remains unknown.

Additionally, I attended two career guidance platforms, Career Paths in Genetics and the ASHG Trainee-Mentor session. In both of the sessions, I had the opportunity to meet with senior professors and medical doctors whom had the experience and gave good advice in how to continue your career after graduation.

Finally, I attended an educational workshop in CRISPR-Cas9 Genome Editing. The workshop taught how to identify the correct sequences to find and perform CRISPR. Also, it gave really good suggestions and recommendations to obtain the best result. Overall, my attendance to the ASHG gave me a fruitful feedback of my research, let me interact with international researchers and discuss about my future career with professors and doctors.

