**International Research Travel Awards** for the 2019 Academic Surgical Congress

The study that is accepted for the Academic Surgical Congress 2019 presents the reliability and practicability of a newly developed *CLASS*ification for *I*ntraoperative *C*omplications (*CLASSIC).* A survey including 10 cases describing intraoperative complications was used, as part of an international multicentre cohort study. The survey was sent to 163 physicians from 18 international centres, with a response rate of 80%. This presented a good intra-class correlation coefficient of 0.75 (95% CI 0.59 to 0.91) and good raw agreement of 61% (IQR 43%-70%). Median practicability of CLASSIC was 6 (IQR 5-7) on a scale of 9, with 65% of the experts rating 6 or higher.

The team involved in the project consists of the following authors: Larsa Gawria, Nuno Gomes, Philipp Kirchhoff, Harry Van Goor, Rachel Rosenthal, Salome Dell-Kuster. Additionally this study is published on behalf of the international CLASSIC study group.

This award is essential for me, because I do not have any recourses to finance a flight to the United States. Currently I am doing a research-internship abroad, where I have conducted this study. This grant will end in January 2019. As I will be unemployed and will not have a grant for support by the time of the ASC, to find finances for a quick-shot presentation will be practically unrealistic. Additionally, because I was born in Syria I will have to apply for a VISA, which includes extra costs. Only this travel award could make this experience possible for me.

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