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To whom it may concern,

I have been invited 4 times to visit the Portuguese Cartilage Study Group (G.E.C.A.) The first time was in Algarve and the last three times in Lisbon.

I have during those visits seen the great advancement of research that the study group has presented and seen the strong enthusiasm flourishing among the members of the group. The group looks at articular cartilage as its main interest but also present studies on spine and its discs. The meetings present an even mixture between basic and clinical sciences and also focus much on the stimulation of young scientists to present their research. The involvement of education is one main task of national clubs of ICRS and G.E.C.A is a very nice representative of such national clubs. The most recent meeting was held in Lisbon on May 20th and besides the presentations of novelties in cartilage research, a small workshop was held with much interest from visiting surgeons. Young scientists held presentations on case stories which produced an interesting discussion on possible alternative treatments.

G.E.CA is a very excellent model of what a local cartilage club of ICRS could be and a model for other countries to copy. I wish G.E.C.A future continuous success with basic and clinical research cooperation within the country as well as abroad.

With My Very sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mats Brittberg".

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