

# TRAVEL GRANT REPORT

## 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Infectious Diseases

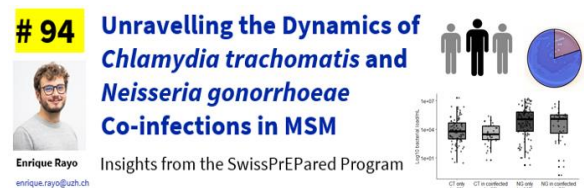
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Thanks to the generous support of the SSM, I had the privilege of attending the 20th International Conference on Infectious Diseases (ICID) in Cape Town, South Africa.

My postdoctoral research focuses on the interplay between sexually transmitted pathogenic microorganisms in populations at high-risk, with the goal of providing nuanced results in diagnostic strategies. At the conference, I presented a poster summarizing the results of my still ongoing project from December 2021 until November 2024.



The ICID provided a space where over 2,500 experts from more than 100 countries explored and discussed cutting-edge topics, from emerging zoonotic diseases to innovative diagnostic and therapeutic tools. I particularly valued the sessions on One Health and Antimicrobial Resistance surveillance, and specially the dedicated session on Sexually Transmitted Infections, which offered fresh insights for my own work.

The conference also allowed me to connect with researchers worldwide. Engaging discussions sparked new ideas for my experiments, and I formed professional relationships at the University of Cape Town that will undoubtedly lead to future collaborations.

I am deeply grateful to the SSM for their financial support, which made this opportunity possible. ICID 2024 was the ideal event to showcase my research, and I gained invaluable insights and connections that will enrich my research and academic growth.