

One-Month at Hospital Son Espases in Palma de Mallorca

My name is Daniela Böhme, I am a Medical Technologist specializing in the analysis of whole exome genetic variants for rare or uncommon diseases at the Universidad del Desarrollo in Chile.

In June, I began my journey at the Molecular Genetics Unit of the Hospital Son Espases in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. During the first two weeks, I was under the supervision of each molecular geneticist in their respective specialties, familiarizing myself with the environment, the unit's operations, laboratory techniques, and the various analyses performed. In the last two weeks, I focused on whole exome sequencing analysis and had the opportunity to learn about genome sequencing analysis in the research area, something I had never done before.

Experiencing life in such a specialized hospital, with experts who are continuously training, combining clinical practice with research, and using cutting-edge technology, has been a tremendous motivation for me to continue specializing and, hopefully, achieve the same level in my country.

I am very grateful to the ESHG for giving me this opportunity and to the entire team at the Genetics Unit, who welcomed me warmly and ensured that I learned something new every day, especially Damià Heine Suñer, PhD, who was my guide and mentor throughout the Observership programme.

I return to Chile with a wonderful experience, full of new knowledge, new contacts, and above all, a great interest in continuing my education in human genetics.



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