I attended the 2016 BSPR annual meeting in Glasgow, Scotland from the 25th-27th of July 2016 as a recipient of a student bursary award, presenting two posters at the academic poster session.

As a recently graduated MSc. student, attending BSPR 2016 gave me an excellent opportunity to hear from some of the leading lights in proteomics today, to network with a number of key vendors who may become important in my next career steps, and finally to meet like-minded researchers in the proteomic research community. I heard invaluable feedback on my research during the poster sessions, while learning as much as one can absorb from their peers in an intense, exciting two days. Finally, it was capped off by a social event to help cement the already strong friendships built between attendees, professors, vendors and students alike. I would highly recommend attending future BSPR events, as they provide an important gateway to the extended proteomics community, while also providing a thorough academic update.

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