

Report on the outcomes of a Short-Term Scientific Mission¹

Action number: CA-18124

Grantee name: Braida Nicole

Details of the STSM

Title: Gendered health experiences and inequalities: exploring new frameworks in endometriosis research

Start and end date: 02/07/2023 to 09/07/2023

Description of the work carried out during the STSM

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During the STSM I attended the conference “Reframing Endometriosis: Power, Politics and Potential Futures” and I met dr. Annalise Weckesser (Reader in Medical Anthropology, Birmingham City University, Convener of the conference) and dr. Véronique Griffith (MD/PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Manchester, Convener of the conference, author of “Healers and Patients Talk: Narratives of a Chronic Gynecological Disease”).

The conference represented an excellent opportunity to come into contact with research and activism experiences with an intersectional approach, i.e. one that takes into account the intersection between different forms of oppression in the experience of pathology and how these different oppressions play a role in access to diagnosis and treatment. This is the direction in which I am directing my research and during the conference I received valuable suggestions to continue. The conference also aimed to bring together different knowledges: from the social sciences to medical research, to the knowledge incorporated by patients and the voices of activism. The conference also allowed me to meet early career researchers and activists working on the topic of endometriosis from different perspectives and to establish contact with some of them for possible future collaborations.

The meetings with Dr. Weckesser and Dr. Griffith were also useful, the two conveners were available to offer me feedback on our research project and open to future contacts and collaborations.

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We have decided in agreement with Dr. Weckesser to postpone the talk until my research on endometriosis will be at a more advanced level of progression, so that it can be more useful in making my work known.

Description of the STSM main achievements and planned follow-up activities

Description and assessment of whether the STSM achieved its planned goals and expected outcomes, including specific contribution to Action objective and deliverables, or publications resulting from the STSM. Agreed plans for future follow-up collaborations shall also be described in this section.

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The STSM achieved these planned goals, contributing to Action objectives: networking among specialists and professionals in sexual health, contacts for new collaborations, promoting interdisciplinary dialogue among scholars, knowledge exchange and transfer of skills.

Specifically, I was able to agree for this future follow-up collaborations:

- presentation of the results of my research in an online talk organized by dr. Weckesser;
- attendance as a presenter in a conference dedicated to Early Career Researchers that dr. Weckesser plans to organise;
- maintaining contact with the two conveners for future collaborations and/or requests for feedbacks;
- maintaining contact with the network of social scientists researching endometriosis joining the SEEN (Social SciencEs Endometriosis Network) co-founded by dr. Weckesser.

As derivable, I will also share a report on knowledge and new skills acquired and feedbacks received with the Italian research group coordinated by Prof. Ferrero Camoletto.