

Grant	EAES Fellowship programme
Fellow	A. Balla from Italy
Host institution	Unit of Innovation in Minimally Invasive Surgery, Department of General and Digestive Surgery, University Hospital "Virgen del Rocio", Sevilla, Spain
Director	Prof. Salvador Morales Conde
Daily routines Surgical/clinical/research activities	From Monday to Saturday the day starts with the meeting about the updating of clinical activity. After that I am actively involved in the operative room where I can observe or participate to surgery. When the surgery activity ends, I am involved in the clinical research activity.
Experience	<p>It was an amazing experience. Professor Morales Conde and all his staff were very friendly and helpful with me. I had the pleasure to work in a high-volume center, observing excellent surgeons, that gave me the chance to observe all aspects of the minimally invasive surgery (upper gi, lower gi, bariatric surgery, oncological surgery, wall surgery) and it was very educational for me. Moreover, I had the opportunity to learn about new surgical techniques, devices and technologies (ICG, instruments). I attended all the surgical courses organized in the hospital, including the EAES Winter Meeting.</p> <p>I participated actively in the research activity, and I was author or coauthor of the following abstract and articles:</p> <p><u>Abstract:</u> Hmicolectomía derecha con linfadenectomía guiada por fluorescencia, abordaje craneal de los vasos medios y anastomosis intracorpórea mediante instrumentos flexibles. XXIII Reunión Nacional de la Fundación Asociación Española de Coloproctología, 09-11 May 2019, Valladolid, Spain.</p> <p><u>Articles:</u> Laparoscopic left hemicolectomy with ICG fluorescence angiography for diverticular disease in patient with intestinal malrotation – a video vignette. Colorectal Disease. In Press.</p> <p>Impact of the fluorescence angiography with indocyanine green (ICG) to evaluate anastomosis in colorectal surgery: where does it have more value? Submitted to Diseases of the Colon & Rectum.</p> <p>Minimally invasive component separation technique for large ventral hernia: which is the best choice? A systematic literature review. Submitted to Surgical Endoscopy.</p> <p>A decalogue to avoid routine ileostomy in selected patients with border line risk to develop anastomotic leakage after minimally invasive low anterior resection: a pilot study. Submitted to Surgical Endoscopy.</p> <p>Moreover, I am involved in other articles, which will soon be ready for sending to international Journals.</p>
Tasks	Principally my tasks were the surgical activity and the scientific activity. I participated daily in surgery and I have been entrusted with study projects.
Involvement	I was actively involved in all aspects of the Unit. Surgical activity, clinical activity, scientific activity, participation and organization of surgical courses.

Overall number & types of surgical procedures attended	Number of procedures attended: 250 Types of procedures: Laparoscopic esophagectomy, partial or total gastrectomy, single port intragastric benign lesion excision, hiatoplasty, Nissen, Toupet, cholecystectomy, sleeve gastrectomy, gastric by-pass, TAPP, TEP, LIRA, TAR, right-left hemicolectomy, rectal anterior resection, TAMIS.
Number of surgeries performed by the fellow	I did not perform surgery as first surgeon.
Number of surgeries attended as the first assistant	37
Number of surgeries attended as the second/third assistant	26
Number of surgeries attended as observer only (not scrubbed)	187
Conclusion	In conclusion, this was a very interesting, exciting and training experience. I increased my surgical knowledge, learning various mini-invasive techniques and technologies, in various fields (abdominal wall surgery, oncologic surgery, functional surgery), and I was able to actively participate in the scientific activity of the center. I realized all the expectations I had. I am very happy participated in the EAES fellowship program in the center that I chose. I highly recommend this experience in the University Hospital "Virgen del Rocio" to my young colleagues and I am very grateful to the EAES for this opportunity.