I am writing to report my amazing experience in my IBRA Fellowship training from 14th January until 10th February 2.018.

I applied to stay for 3 weeks at Köln University with Prof. Dr. med Peter Lars Müller in trauma and pathologies in elbow ; and to stay for 1 week at Elizabethen Hospital in Ravensburg with Prof. Dr. med Hermman Krimmer in trauma and pathologies in wrist and hand.

These two renowned professors are very well known by Brazilian orthopaedic doctors for their large experience , vast publications in Medical Literature and position at IBRA.

My first 3 weeks were at Köln University with Prof. Müller , who is the Chief of Orthopedic Department at the University . With his team , I experienced not only upper limb trauma but also all Orthopedic conditions (such as ankle , hip and spine trauma surgeries). Of course my main focus was in elbow surgery but Prof. gave me the opportunity to see all the aspects of his team work. (Fig.1 – UNIKLINIK KÖLN)

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Every day I saw something new mainly in elbow surgeries : new techniques , new materials , different approaches , and a large and impressive experience in elbow arthroscopy . It is important to report his regular use of the Medartis new plates for coronoid and olecranon fractures . Prof. Müller also invited me to be part of his team in two amazing Orthopedic courses he coordinated near Köln . I was very impressed by how well research and teaching are integrated into daily clinical life.

In my last week in Germany I went to Ravensburg , a very nice city in the south of the country, to visit Prof. Krimmer and he gave me a warm reception . It was a very pleasurable week with surgeries , talks and socializing . (Fig. 3 – ZENTRUM FÜR HANDCHIRURGIE)

It was interesting to see the similarities and differences between surgical approaches and treatments compared to my experience with metacarpal fractures , wrist arthroscopics, tendon transfers , distal radius osteotomies , Dupuytren disease and many others.

I would like to express my gratitude to the IBRA committee for giving me the opportunity to experience the daily routine of these two great Professors .

I hope I will be able to contribute in the near future with IBRA meetings showing my experience acquired in Germany .

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Sincerely yours ,

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