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In August 2008 I traveled to Scandinavia from Australia for the 33rd International Geological Congress, the Nordic Countries in Norway. The bursary contributed towards my registration to the conference and partly provided funds for my attendance to “The Caledonian infrastructure in the Fjord-region of Western Norway” excursion. The bursary assisted in my attendance at the meeting, which enabled me to present one poster and one oral presentation. The talk and poster were based on the detailed studies of a recent facet of my PhD research into the evolution of the high-pressure geology from the base of a magmatic arc, Breaksea Sound, Fiordland, New Zealand. My presentations attracted significant attention and acclaim from the metamorphic petrology community. The metamorphic petrology session was very popular and a scientifically stimulating event, which covered a great variety of topics ranging from petrology, fluids, geochronology, through to geochemistry. The International Geological Congress attracted a large number of international delegates and was an excellent opportunity to present my recent results and furthermore to initiate new collaborations and networks with European colleagues in the fields of metamorphic petrology and fluid processes.

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