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I am a gynecologist from Santiago, Chile, working in the urogynecology unit at Dr. Sotero del Rio Hospital and in the obstetrics and gynecology division of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. I first became acquainted with pelvic floor ultrasound at one of Professor Dietz’s workshops that took place at the 2011 IUGA meeting in Lisbon. After some time, it became clear to me that my everyday practice would benefit from the added information that this method provides, as would many of the patients we see as a group. Coincidentally, I am friends with one of Professor Dietz’s overseas fellows, Dr. Rodrigo Guzmán. I contacted him for information and he was the one who first told me about the Visiting Scholar program of the University of Sydney.

The five weeks I spent with Professor Dietz, Rodrigo and the rest of the team was certainly one of the most intense learning experiences I have been through, and exceeded all my expectations. In addition to becoming familiar with pelvic floor ultrasound, I had the chance to observe the way the whole team worked together to improve patients’ lives and our understanding of pelvic floor disfunction. I would like to thank Prof. Dietz, Dr. Guzman, Dr. Ixora Kamisan-Atan, Prof. Clara Shek, Susanne Langer and the rest of the team for their dedication, kindness and generosity.