During the last week, I attended and participated at the UKSim 16th International Conference on Modelling and Simulation, which took place at Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge on the 26th – 28th of March. Since part of my PhD work is to publish and present papers at international conferences and journals.

I published my paper titled “Arabic Text Root Extraction via Morphological Analysis and Linguistic Constrains”, and presented my work orally at the conference. Giving my presentation at the conference has enhanced my presentation skills and confidence, and gave me the opportunity in getting feedback on my work, discussing the established algorithm, the results and future during and after the presentation. Furthermore, I have attended other presentations, which focuses on the same research area, knew more about the latest development on Modelling and Simulation technologies in general, and in Data Mining and Text Mining in particular. On top, I had the chance to meet and establish new contacts with researchers and pioneers in my research topic.

On the second day of the conference, I was excited to join the others for a tour around Cambridge, which was organised by the conference team. During the tour, we walked around the old Cavendish Laboratory, where J.J.Thomson discovered the electron in 1897. Then we passed by the Victorian building of London & County Bank, which is now part of Corpus Christi College. As well, we stopped by church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is one of the oldest few round churches in England, and The Eagle pub, where Francis Crick and James Watson first announced their discover of how DNA carries genetic information on 1953. At last, we visited King’s College Chapel, one of the finest examples of late Perpendicular Gothic English architecture.

Overall, taking part at UKSim 2014, I did not only had the opportunity to enhance my knowledge on my research, present and share my work, and meet people from different backgrounds, but has also spent a good time at the City of Cambridge.