

11th International Junior Academy Summer School

BDIAP Bursary Recipients' Report

I would like to thank the BDIAP for my sponsorship to the 11th International Junior Academy Summer School in Latvia.

The course was held at the Radisson Blue Latvija Conference and Spa Hotel near the old town of central Riga, and organised by the German Division of IAP. The event was organised brilliantly by Martina Schmidt with a good selection of lectures, great food and drinks, and interesting social evenings.

During these 3 days we had in depth teaching on breast pathology by Dr Elena Provenzano with a focus on the use of myoepithelial and basal markers in breast pathology. Professor Eva Wardelmann gave us a concise overview on soft tissue tumours followed by an interactive discussion on various cases. Professor Martin-Leo Hansmann covered the topics of lymphoreticular pathology and the videos on how Reed-Steinburg cells mobilise in tissue was particularly inspiring. We also received uropathology teaching from Professor Arndt Hartmann who focused on prostate and renal cell carcinoma. Dr Jaime Calonje extended our knowledge on skin pathology with his teaching on melanocytic lesions and common pitfalls. All of these sessions are interactive and participants were welcomed to ask questions at any time. The talks were appropriately timetabled with a good amount of break time. The powerpoint slides were sent to participants after the event which were very useful for consolidation of knowledge.

It was a valuable experience for me to present a case study during the case presentation session on the last day, as I received interesting insights from the experts. The cases presented by other participants were also a good learning opportunity for me.

On Friday evening we were treated to a walking tour around the old town of Riga, which took place in the small window of sunshine amidst the heavy rainfall. Our tour guide showed us a number of different Latvian landmarks and the history behind them.



The Freedom Monument

Following that we had a very nice 3 course dinner at a restaurant in the old town. It was a great opportunity to get to know more about other trainees and their training programmes in different parts of the world.

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Once again, I would like to thank BDIAP for their sponsorship to this valuable learning event and the German IAP for their organisation of the event. I have widened my horizon on the world of pathology and I would highly recommend other trainees to attend this Academy Summer School.

Cafe inspired by the Soviet animated film "Hedgehog in the Fog"



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