

13th International Junior Academy Summer School, BDIAP Bursary Recipients' Report

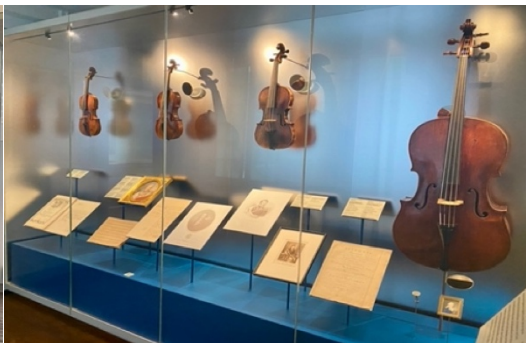
I would like to thank the BDIAP for my sponsorship to the 13th International Junior Academy Summer School in Bonn, Germany.

First, I would like to mention that this was the best course I have recently attended!

The course was held at the headquarters of the German division of the International Academy of Pathology in Bonn, between 10th-12th of August. On arrival we were welcomed by Martina Schmidt and her team who took an extraordinary care of the event with an excellent organisation of the sessions, great food and drinks, and lovely social event and dinner.

Trainees for a range of countries including UK, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Finland, Algeria, Morocco, Sri Lanka, Mongolia and more others attended the summer school. Over the three days, we received six sessions of extraordinary talks on specialty topics from well-known speakers from UK and Germany. The school began with a friendly welcome from Professor Martin-Leo Hansmann and was followed by an amazing talk on head and neck pathology by Dr Ann Sandison, who focused on laryngeal grossing, specific ENT entities and her approach to these entities. Following a coffee break, Professor Martin-Leo Hansmann gave an inspirational talk on 3D lymphoreticular pathology. On day 2, Dr Uta Drebber talked about liver pathology including medical liver with I found extremely useful for trainees. Dr Alexander Quaas focused on upper and lower GI pathology and his approach to challenging cases. Dr Eva Wardelmann gave a talk on mesenchymal tumours of the GI tract and specific immunomarkers and molecular testing used to differentiate distinct entities. On day 3, Professor Arndt Hartmann has extended our knowledge with specific IHC panels commonly used to prove variety of entities. All the sessions were very interactive, we were encouraged to ask questions at any time and get involved in discussions. The talks were well prepared with an appropriately timetabled and a good amount of time for breaks. Most of the powerpoint slides were sent to participants after the event which was very useful for consolidation of knowledge received.

All bursary recipients had the opportunity to present a case from their department, including me. I presented a cytology case of Metallosis diagnosed on Synovial fluid on a patient known to have a knee replacement, the case was from Cork University Hospital, Ireland. This was a valuable experience in terms of variety of cases and the approach to them according to available resources within the department around the world. We were again given opportunity to ask questions and had an insightful discussion.



On Friday afternoon a visit to Beethoven-Haus was organised for us, this was a great opportunity to find out more about composer's life and personality.

The visit was followed by a walking tour around Bonn, the weather was amazing, and it was delightful to enjoy the city. Our tour guide showed us several different landmarks and the history behind them.



Following that we had a very nice 3 course dinner at the restaurant Em Höttche in the Marktplatz area, city centre. The restaurant and food was lovely, and the atmosphere was incredibly nice.



One of the highlights of the summer school was the opportunity to get to know more about other trainees and their training programmes in different parts of the world. Having the time to know each other, spending time together at the course, social event, breakfasts and dinners encouraged us for a future collaboration, we exchanged contact details and we constantly share cases, useful information related to our training.

I would like to thank BDIAP for the sponsorship and the opportunity to attend this valuable learning event and the German division of IAP for their wonderful organisation of the event. I have widened my knowledge in histopathology by receiving teachings and personalised approaches from well-known experts in this field and I would highly recommend the Academy Summer School to the other trainees at any stage of their training programme.

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