



### **BDIAP 13th International Junior Academy Summer School – Bursary Report:**

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I would like to start by extending my utmost gratitude to the BDIAP for providing me this opportunity to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> International Junior Summer School virtually. The event took place in Bonn and though I really wanted to attend it in person but due to some family commitments I could not attend it in person. I believe that's the real advantage of virtual platforms where it brings the events taking place thousands of kilometers away right to the convenience of one's computer screens.

Day 1 started with Head and Neck pathology by Dr. Ann Sandison. It was one of my favorite sessions as she very nicely explained the usual dilemmas with the laryngectomy specimens and how to approach them in a sensible manner. It was followed by brief yet very nicely explained histologic characteristics of various non-neoplastic and neoplastic entities commonly encountered in Head and neck pathology.

The next topic covered on Day 1 was Lymph node Pathology by Dr Martin-Leo Hansmann. It was again a very well organized presentation particularly focusing on lymphomas.

Day 2 started with a very interesting case based presentation on liver pathology by Dr Uta Drebber. I thoroughly enjoyed the session as it explained the histologic features of liver and the alterations encountered in acute and chronic hepatitis, primary biliary cirrhosis and Steatohepatitis.

The next sessions covered gastrointestinal Pathology including mesenchymal tumors by Dr. Alexander Quaas and Dr. Eva Wardelmann. These were also very refreshing and nicely elaborated sessions encompassing a spectrum of GI entities.

Day 3 started with session on the utilization of Immunohistochemistry in approaching Cancer of Unknown Primary. A very useful algorithm to approach various entities was provided by Dr. Arndt Hartmann. It was followed by case presentations by trainees from all over the world presenting diverse and challenging cases and how they approached them in their working environment.

Overall, it was a mix of different topics which are very crucial to the day to day working of a Pathologist. I found it extremely useful and I will definitely sign up and recommend similar events to fellow trainees as it not only provides a theoretical and practical approach to the pathology trainees but a platform to present their cases boosting their confidence and adding to the knowledge of others.

At the end I will again Thank BDIAP for organizing such events and providing educational platforms to trainees all over the World.

Best wishes and Regards

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