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I wish to express my profound gratitude to BDIAP team for affording me the opportunity to attend the international junior academy summer school in Bordeaux, France. It helped me gain exposure to challenging pathology topics and learn from international experts. The program offered a wealth of knowledge that will undoubtedly benefit my future clinical practice. For instance, Dr Sabrina Croce's session on gynaecological soft tissue/mesenchymal tumours highlighted crucial points in identifying tumours and lesions and immunohistochemistry aid tumour differentiation.

Dr Martin-Leo Hansmann gave a fascinating talk on studying lymphoma cell movement using fresh tissue samples and digital technology, which broadened my understanding of lymphoma biology. Dr Gaetan McGrogan simplified the complex topic of B3 breast lesions, making it accessible. Dr Sabina Berezowska shared her extensive experience with lung nodules ranging from infective, benign to malignant providing valuable insights into effective case management.

Dr Rupert Langer enhanced our understanding of the different types of colitis and how to report them effectively. Dr Phillip Strobel showcased advancements in digital pathology and how technology is transforming histopathology. Lastly, Dr Ashish Chandra discussed practical aspects of urological specimen cut-up and reporting, offering essential tips that will benefit my day-to-day practice. The program concluded with oral presentations from around 15 trainees, covering interesting cases that added to my knowledge base and career development.

Beyond the academic sessions, it was wonderful to meet trainees and consultants from 16 different regions of the world. Learning about various healthcare systems and forging international connections was irreplaceable. Social events, including a walking tour of the city and a visit to Château Carbonnieux, were excellently organized, with perfect weather and warm hospitality. The food, accommodation, and schedule were all impeccably managed, enhancing the overall positive experience. Special thanks to Dr Magali Lacroix-Triki, French BDIAP team and Martina Schimdt for handling it so well.

Attending this Summer School was truly invaluable. I would highly recommend this opportunity to anyone seeking to deepen their knowledge in histopathology, connect with global colleagues, and explore a beautiful part of the world.

