

BDIAP Summer Meeting May 2024

My name is Alex Fortun, I am a Belgian trainee at the Cliniques Universitaires Saint-Luc, in my third year of training. I have a particular interest in dermatopathology, with the ambition to specialize in it for my future career. Thanks to the BDIAP, I had the chance to attend the two days of its 2024 summer meeting and learn about a subject that I appreciate a lot. I am deeply thankful for that.

My professor Mieke Van Bockstal, who introduced me to the event, told me based on her own experience how this meeting and the program are well construct, very interesting and highly educational. She was totally right about it.

All the speakers had great presentations with great support materials. It was really interesting that each of them brought their expertise and opinions correlated with their practice. I had the pleasant feeling that everybody was there with the will of sharing their knowledge.

I enjoyed every session and learned at least something from each speaker. I was particularly interested by the review of the etiology responsible for alopecia, cutaneous vasculopathic reaction pattern, the limitations and diagnostic errors that can be made in standard histology to differentiate between a keratoacanthoma and a squamous cell carcinoma, melanocytic lesions and the experience of using BRAF and PRAME, all the subtypes of lymphomatoid papulosis, and of course the management of primary cutaneous lymphomas.

I would definitely recommend the BDIAP events to everyone interested to learn, it would be a crime not to do so. I hope myself to get more opportunities to participate in such meetings like the next symposium of dermatopathology.