

BDIAP Travel Bursary Report

United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology 114th Annual Meeting, March 22-27 2025, Boston, Massachusetts – Pascale Capleton, Consultant Histopathologist, Barts Health NHS Trust

I am grateful to the BDIAP for awarding me a bursary towards my attendance at the USCAP Annual Meeting in Boston, USA. I was fortunate enough to have an abstract accepted for a poster presentation at the conference entitled 'Ki67 may be a useful biomarker in the assessment of risk in testicular sex-cord stromal tumours'.

Having never attended before, I was looking forward to attending my first USCAP conference along with one of my colleagues, Professor Dan Berney, with whom I had worked on the project that my poster discussed. Unfortunately, both of our plans for USCAP were scuppered by a fire at an electricity substation in west London! It was with great disappointment that I missed the first three days of the conference due to the closure of Heathrow airport, but eventually I was able to make it onto a flight to Boston which would mean I'd arrive just in time for my poster presentation. It was great to be able to present my poster in person and discuss our work with other genitourinary pathologists.

The USCAP Annual Meeting is a huge conference with numerous activities taking place from the early morning well into the evening. Although my late arrival meant I'd missed a several of the courses I'd booked onto, I was still able to attend a number of lectures, interactive talks, evening specialty conferences and poster sessions. The conference was an opportunity to meet other pathologists working in the same field, share ideas and find out about current research going on in other centres around the world.

Thank you again to the BDIAP for supporting me in getting to USCAP; I look forward to being able to attend and participate at future meetings – hopefully without the travel disruption – and experience the whole conference.