

## BDIAP Bursary Report – Ghent Pathology 2025

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I was eager to attend the Joint Meeting this year as it has consistently proven to be an excellent event, both for gaining valuable knowledge and for networking with colleagues—many of whom are internationally recognised in their fields. Having attended it in previous years, I knew it would be a worthwhile experience. This year, I was particularly motivated to go as I had the opportunity to present several interesting posters and deliver a talk on Microvillous Inclusion Disease (MVID) at the Association of Clinical Electron Microscopists (ACEM).

The meeting significantly boosted my confidence in clinical practice. Attending lectures led by world-renowned speakers helped me address some knowledge gaps I had been aware of, and I came away with a stronger foundation and sense of reassurance. It was encouraging to see that even leading experts find certain areas challenging, which helped normalise my own difficulties and encouraged further learning.

My main interests lie in cardiothoracic pathology, cytology, and medical renal pathology, so I focused on sessions related to these areas. I gained a great deal from all of them, with the cytology seminars standing out in particular. I found the discussions on various classification systems especially useful.

I've already begun incorporating what I learned into my practice, especially the structured approach to cytology material. The frameworks presented during the sessions have provided me with a more confident and systematic method for evaluating cases.

The meeting met—and indeed exceeded—my expectations. It was an enriching experience not just academically, but professionally. The opportunity to present my work and engage with fellow pathologists was invaluable. Without the support of the BDIAP bursary, attending this meeting would have been considerably more difficult, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity it offered me.

I would strongly recommend attending the Joint Meeting to my colleagues. It continues to be an outstanding event, and the bursary provided by BDIAP is a fantastic initiative that helps ensure wider access to such high-quality educational experiences. Thank you once again for supporting my attendance.