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I am pleased to share my experience attending the Ghent Pathology Meeting, held in Ghent, Belgium, and organized by the Belgian International Diagnostic and Academic Pathology (BIDAP) group. This event marked a significant milestone in my academic and professional journey, as it was my first international conference. I am deeply honored to have received a bursary sponsorship to participate, which made this enriching experience possible.

The journey began with my arrival in Brussels, from where I traveled to the historic and beautiful city of Ghent. I stayed at a local B&B, which provided comfortable accommodation and good meals, making my stay pleasant and convenient.

The conference commenced the following day and was an incredibly well-organized and professionally conducted event. The sessions covered a broad spectrum of topics in histopathology, offering deep insights into both established practices and emerging developments. Key areas of focus included: dermatopathology, uropathology, gastrointestinal Pathology and molecular Cytogenetics. The scientific content was of a high standard, with engaging presentations from experienced international speakers. It provided an excellent opportunity to learn about current trends and collaborative research in diagnostic pathology.

In addition to the academic sessions, the conference included well-planned social and cultural activities that added great value to the overall experience. One highlight was a boat tour through the scenic canals of Ghent, which offered a relaxing and picturesque view of the city's architecture and natural beauty. Furthermore, the conference night was a memorable event that encouraged informal interaction among participants.

Participating in the Ghent Pathology Meeting was an exceptional and transformative experience. It not only enhanced my academic knowledge but also gave me valuable international exposure. I am particularly grateful to the BIDAP committee for awarding me the bursary sponsorship, without which this opportunity would not have been possible.

This experience has broadened my professional perspective and strengthened my commitment to continuous learning and collaboration in the field of pathology. I sincerely thank all my mentors and supporters for their guidance throughout this journey.