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**Why did you want to go to the Joint Meeting?**

I wanted to attend the Joint Meeting to learn about the ever evolving development in pathology research from world-leading experts, meet other fellow pathologists and scientists from all over the world, and to present an unusual case of a gastric foregut duplication cyst in an adult. I also wanted to make use of this opportunity to explore the vibrant city of Ghent!

**Do you feel more confident in your clinical practice following attendance at the Joint Meeting?**

I feel somewhat more confident in my clinical practice. As someone with virtually no experience in HPB pathology, I benefited much from the international lecture given by Professor Mina Komuta, who provided an excellent practical approach to diagnosing primary liver cancers and highlighted the different morphological appearances between HCC caused by different aetiologies. The trainee symposium was particularly helpful in improving my confidence in diagnosing ductal and lobular epithelial lesions of the breast. I was also reminded of the vast depth and breadth of knowledge required in each subspecialty, including the incorporation of molecular testing in routine diagnostic work.

**Highlight aspects of what you have learnt from the Joint Meeting which you were not aware of prior to the day.**

I found Professor Andres Acosta's talk on the use of molecular testing in genitourinary pathology enlightening. He categorised the purposes of molecular testing as necessary for diagnostic/therapeutic/prognostic and academic purposes. He also shared the success story of validating several IHC markers as surrogate markers for specific translocations to economise pathology practice. This is particularly relevant in the US where the costs for molecular testing come into the picture. This made me reflect on the financial implication of requesting genomic testing, where a seemingly simple request can cost hundreds of pounds.

**Are there any aspects of what you have learnt during the Joint Meeting that you would consider incorporating into your own practice or have already incorporated into practice?**

I learnt a lot about the development of liquid biopsies in diagnosing and prognosticating colorectal and lung cancer. Much work has gone into optimising its diagnostic accuracy, compared to gold-standard histopathology, which offers a promising and non-invasive test for patients. Although currently liquid biopsies are mostly used in academic settings, it would be really useful to learn to interpret these results as pathologists to move towards integrated histological and molecular diagnoses in the future.

**Did the Joint Meeting meet your expectations?**

The meeting definitely met and exceeded my expectations. I thoroughly enjoyed the jam-packed programme and sessions covering both academic and educational content. I quite often had to make tough decisions in choosing which sessions to attend! The social calendar was also very well-organised and allowed me to meet inspiring individuals, including Professor Komuta at the Conference dinner!

**Would you recommend it to your colleagues?**

Absolutely! It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the latest advances in pathology and to meet lots of people from a wide range of backgrounds and countries. I look forward to attending the Joint Meeting next year. A huge thank you to the BDIAP for this generous bursary!