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I am sincerely grateful to the BDIAP for awarding me a bursary to attend *Ghent Pathology 2025*. This was a unique and enriching experience that will undoubtedly influence my career as a pathologist.

The meeting offered an outstanding programme combining high-level scientific sessions, diagnostic slide seminars, and cutting-edge updates on molecular and digital pathology. As a trainee coming from a low-resource setting, I found the exposure to such a broad and innovative array of topics extremely valuable.

I had the privilege of contributing to the meeting by presenting both a **poster** and an **oral communication**, which were well received and generated insightful discussions. Presenting in an international setting for the first time was a milestone in my career and a boost to my confidence and motivation. It also gave me the opportunity to receive constructive feedback from experienced pathologists and to network with peers and experts from around the world.

One of the most memorable aspects of the meeting was the opportunity to attend the full-day session dedicated to breast pathology. The presentations covered a wide range of challenging topics including spindle cell lesions, papillary tumors, rare entities, and updates on DCIS, LCIS, and HER2-low breast cancers. Another highlight was the session on artificial intelligence in breast pathology, which provided valuable insights into how digital tools and AI are transforming diagnostic practices.

I was introduced to this event by Professor Mieke Van Bockstal, who shared her own positive experiences with BDIAP events and encouraged me to apply. She was absolutely right: the meeting was well-structured, stimulating, and truly educational. I would highly recommend BDIAP events to any pathology trainee or early-career researcher looking to deepen their knowledge and broaden their professional horizon.

Once again, I am sincerely grateful to the BDIAP for this invaluable opportunity, and I hope to be able to attend again myself in the future!