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I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to BDIAP for awarding me a bursary to attend Ghent Pathology 2025. As a histopathology trainee, I was particularly eager to participate in this joint meeting, given BDIAP's esteemed role in training, as well as the opportunity to engage with leading experts in the field. I was honored to have an abstract accepted as a poster presentation, focusing on a rare breast tumor type, which allowed me to share my findings with fellow pathologists.

With my training nearing completion and independent reporting on the horizon, I found the conference immensely beneficial. The sessions provided valuable insights to enhance my diagnostic and reporting skills. I was especially drawn to the breast, renal, and genitourinary pathology sections, which align with my subspecialty interests and offered in-depth knowledge. Additionally, learning about advanced techniques like electron microscopy and molecular pathology was particularly inspiring, as these are not yet accessible in Sri Lanka.

The conference surpassed my expectations, broadening my understanding of both familiar and new areas in histopathology. Interacting with peers and established experts was incredibly enriching. Beyond the academic experience, I thoroughly enjoyed exploring Gent, a city of remarkable historical beauty, in my free time. The organizers' thoughtful arrangement of a trainee boat tour was a highlight, offering a truly unforgettable experience.

I wholeheartedly recommend this conference to my colleagues, as it has significantly contributed to my professional growth. Once again, I am deeply grateful to BDIAP for this invaluable opportunity.