

## **IAP/ESP Bursary Report**

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The virtual meeting was a huge success in my point of view. The organization was commendable, with easy access and navigation of the lectures. The topics and speakers were well-chosen with highlights on the recent updates of the WHO in each specialty. Trainee sessions were concise and to the point. The virtual meeting superseded live meetings in that the lectures were recorded, which allowed later access of many topics that would have otherwise been missed in person. One of the main downsides of the virtual meeting was the condensed time of the lectures over a 3-day period which was hectic and difficult to keep up with. Additionally, I missed the chance of presenting my work publicly, and engaging with a live audience. Lastly, missing out on the experience of visiting Glasgow and immersing myself in the culture was a huge disappointment for me! But overall, I think the meeting was a success given the circumstances and I was exposed to invaluable scientific material that aided my skills as a Pathologist.