

BDIAP Trainee Member bursary report, Chara Ntala, ST3, NHS Lothian

I am very grateful to the BDIAP for allowing me to attend the 32nd Congress of the ESP and XXXIII International Congress of the IAP, which was a virtual event that took place 6-8 December 2020.

It included presentations covering all pathological subspecialties with a focus on the new WHO tumour classification updates, molecular and digital pathology with stimulating talks from world experts in those fields. It was interesting to discuss the future of pathology, the new technological advances and where clinical practice maybe heading in the future.

I particularly enjoyed the flexibility provided by the virtual format of the meeting as well as the opportunity to attend talks that I would have missed otherwise as they occurred simultaneously. The main disadvantage was the lack of networking which was partially addressed by the chat forums. I thoroughly enjoyed attending this inspirational and stimulating meeting.