I am Dr. Ifeoluwa Olorunsola, a Senior registrar in Histopathology at The Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospitals Complex Ile-Ife, Nigeria. I was awarded a bursary to attend the 2020 IAP/ESP virtual pathology meeting that was initially slated to hold in Glasgow but was cancelled due to the effect of COVID 19 virus.

The virtual course was very enlightening, informative and having attended it virtually and again went through some of the resources on the website, it has helped me developed a strong knowledge base as well as widened by scope in many aspects of histopathology and molecular pathology.

One of the key benefits of a virtual meeting is the ability to attend and benefit without necessarily leaving one’s comfort zone. There are some risks inherent in all forms of transportation be it air, train, and road, however, a virtual meeting brings the meeting to one’s doorstep. Nevertheless, the downside of this is the lack of face-to-face interactions, lack of network and connections building as well as inability to tour the ancient city of Glasgow which I looked forward to.