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Report:

I am very grateful for the BDIAP for sponsoring my attendance at the virtual joint IAP-ESP Glasgow Meeting (6-8 Dec 2020). I presented an electronic poster referenced [PS-02-014] and titled "Seromucinous cystadenomas and adenofibromas: first report of a case series". I had the opportunity to look at other ePosters including two ePosters of my colleague who have just finished her PhD titled "Biological and molecular profile of colorectal cancer is dependent on the tumour microenvironment" [PS-21-051] and "Digital pathology in colorectal cancer: using virtual tissue microarrays to determine the minimum number of cores for biomarker analysis" [E-PS-06-056]. It was a pity that I was not able to meet her in person. I enjoyed watching the various sessions on specialities of interest, namely Gynaecological, urological and gastrointestinal pathology. I also found the sessions on the history of pathology quite intriguing and fascinating, in particular "Sir Robert Carswell: pathologist, artist and royal physician" by Ourania Varsou and "Leonardo and morbid anatomy: recognising anomalies in theory and practice" by Francesco Maria Galassi. I was disappointed that I wasn't able to attend in person and I was looking forward to visiting Glasgow for the first time and get the opportunity to network with colleagues. However, I am grateful that the conference went ahead despite all the technical difficulties and the uncertainty created by the pandemic as well as giving extended access to the lectures after the event has ended. I would like to thank the BDIAP once more for awarding me the trainee bursary and will be looking forward to attending more BDIAP events in the future virtually and in person.