

**BURSARY REPORT- SYMPOSIUM ON GYNAECOLOGICAL PATHOLOGY ON  
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I am Dr. Caroline Ngimba, a junior pathologist who completed my residency in anatomical pathology about one year ago (December 2018), at Muhimbili University of Health and Allied sciences. Currently I am working as a pathologist in the department of Anatomical pathology at Muhimbili National Hospital, which is referral hospital and a university teaching hospital, located in Dar es salaam, Tanzania.

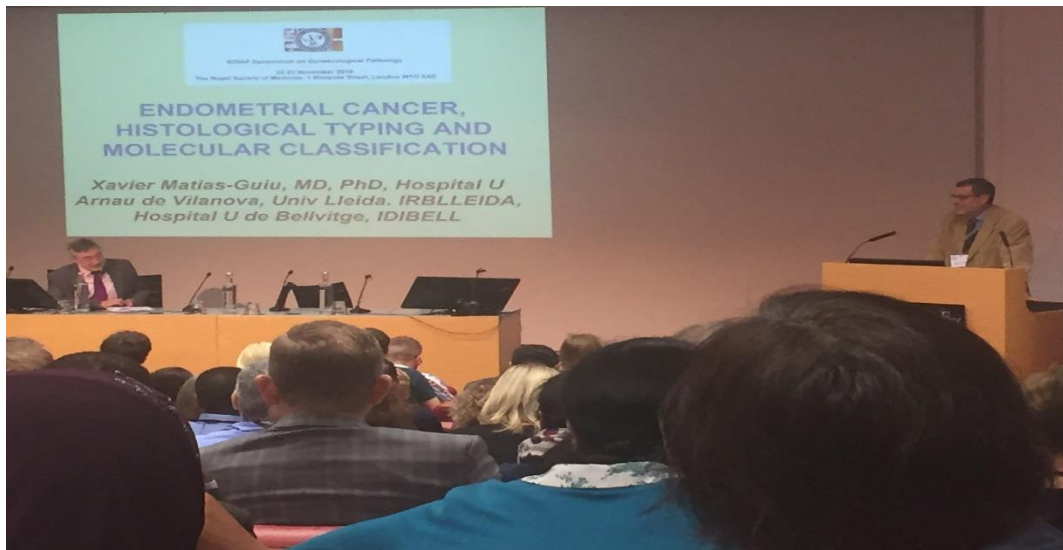
I would like to give my sincere appreciation to the British division of International Academy of Pathology (BDIAP) for a bursary which enabled me to attend the symposium on Gynaecological Pathology. This bursary covered registration costs for the meeting, accommodation and travel costs from Dar es salaam, Tanzania to London, UK (Return ticket and local transports within UK during meeting).

The symposium was held in London at the Royal Society of Medicine for the duration of two days. During the symposium I enjoyed the sessions which were very educative, and case based. On the first day of symposium we had sessions on diagnostic gynaecological pathology which covered a range of topics which were challenging. The topics included Sex cord stromal tumours and their mimics, Endometrial cancer histological typing and molecular classification, Interpretation of mismatch repair immunohistochemistry in endometrial cancer and diagnostically challenging “endometrial polyps”. Afternoon sessions on the first day covered topics on metastatic tumours to the ovary, prognostic indicators on serous borderline tumours and extraovarian disease. There were also sessions on soft tissue tumours of the uterus “STUMP where are we now with them? And recent advances on mesenchymal tumours of the uterus. Also, we covered a topic on pre-malignant and malignant cervical glandular lesions” new concepts and problematic aspects. We concluded the first day sessions by a presentation on the pitfalls in gynecological pathology identified through referral practice and how to avoid them, a quarter of a century experience. Presenters on this day included Robert H Young, Xavier Matias Guiu, Teri Longacre, Marisa Nucci, Naveena Singh, Marisa Nucci and W. Glenn McCluggage.

The day ended by a symposium dinner which was held at Royal Automobile Club, Palm Mall, London. We had a wonderful dinner whereby I had an opportunity of networking with pathologist various part of the world. I enjoyed the food and had an opportunity to witness the award of recognition to pathologists who had a big contribution to BDIAP through participating on various activities conducted by the division so as to improve pathology services around the world.

The second day of symposium we had sessions in the morning. There were discussions on a range of interesting and challenging case presentations which were made available for review prior to the meeting. These cases were presented by Marisa Nucci, Rupali Arora, Xavier Matias Guiu, Helen Stringfellow, Teri Longacre, Katherine Vroobel, W. Glemnn, McCluggage and Baljeet Kaur.

Finally, I would like to thank again BDIAP for conducting this symposium as well as giving me a bursary which enabled my participation on this meeting. In these two days I had a great exposure and experience from the internationally recognizable faculty in gynaecological pathology and it was a valuable experience.



*One of the presenters on the session*



During tea break networking with the BDIAP president Ray McMahon and other bursary recipients



At Royal Automobile Club during symposium Dinner with a colleague.