

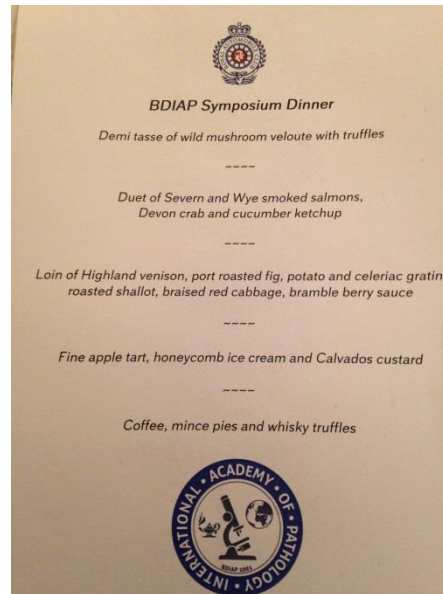
The BDIAP Symposium in Gynaecological Pathology, 22-23 November 2019 was held in central London, close to Oxford Circus, at The Royal Society of Medicine. The programme included nationally and internationally renowned speakers with a variety of subjects and I was delighted to receive a trainee bursary to attend.

Both days were packed with fantastic presentations, some drawing on many years of research and experience. The first talk by Robert H Young covered sex cord stromal tumours with an emphasis on granulosa cell tumours and their mimics. This was followed by Xavier Matias Guiu who discussed endometrial carcinoma and molecular subtyping, including POLE and management implications.

Teri Longacre then went through mismatch repair and some of the problems for interpretation.

Marisa Nucci gave a talk on 'polyps' with a focus on sarcomatous lesions.

After lunch Robert Young looked at metastatic tumours in the ovary. We then had a talk by Naveena Singh on serous borderline tumours looking at diagnosis, management and outcomes. Marissa Nucci then looked at STUMP and the recent evolution of understanding of smooth muscle tumours and provided her diagnostic criteria. After tea we heard from W.Glenn McCluggage regarding cervical glandular lesions and the direction for WHO 2020, including new classification structure using HPV associated or HPV independent types. Teri Longacre then described mesonephric hyperplasia and carcinoma along with other less common uterine lesions. The day finished with W.Glen McCluggage summarising some highs and lows of his referral practice. As you can see the schedule was packed, with a huge amount to take in!



That evening there was a stunning BDIAP dinner held on Pall Mall at the RAC club. As a trainee at the beginning of my career in the UK it was interesting to hear from pathologists highly established in theirs. It was also a great opportunity to meet pathologists from abroad and hear about training, practice and life away from these shores. It did make for a late night even when mindful of the early start the next morning for the slide seminar!

The case presentations and discussions (from the slides sent in advance) were definitely worth attending (even at 8.30 on a Saturday). The varied cases highlighted concepts such as NTRK-rearranged spindle cell neoplasm, Corded and hyalinised endometrioid adenocarcinoma, COL1A1-PDGFB translocation sarcoma and reiterated some of the points from the previous day. The best diagnosis was awarded by Teri Longacre, see below. It was an absolutely fantastic 2 days and I would thoroughly recommend trainees to attend next year.

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