

A Short Report on BDIAP GynPath Symposium of 22-23 November, 2019 - London

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There is now almost a year that my membership with the BDIAP is confirmed. It is a great honor to myself and to my anatomical pathology program. I have heard about the symposium via my email address, as a member, and fortunately awarded a travel grant to attend the symposium.

During this two days BDIAP Gynecological Pathology Symposium, I aimed at achieving the following objectives:

- ✓ To gain an insight into the system of Gynecological Pathology being practiced in Countries with advanced settings and to evaluate myself for working as a pathologist in training in such an environment.
- ✓ To enhance my knowledge and develop creativity for problem solving in the field of Gynecological Pathology.
- ✓ To develop interpersonal and communication skills for effective information exchange with experts and fellow colleagues.
- ✓ To explore the culture and life in United Kingdom/ London.

Experience on the Symposium

London is the capital and largest city of the England and of the UK. This was my first time to travel to UK.

On my itinerary, it was mentioned that I will be landing on Heathrow airport, terminal 4. This is a very huge airport with 5 terminals in total.

On arrival, London was cold at that moment. It is a very nice, organized and developed city with unique housing design and very busy in terms of people and

road traffic. I was lucky that almost everyone could speak and /or understand English, whenever got lost I managed to find someone for a help.

I was staying at Wardonía Hotel, a nice place but very hard to find because I was not aware that, it is almost impossible to make payments by cash once in London.



The Symposium took place at The Royal Society of Medicine on Wimpole St.

All started with opening remarks by the president of the BDIAP, Prof McMahon, who was warmly welcoming attendants. For the entire symposium, I had a privilege to learn from experts in the field of gynecological pathology through their knowledgeable presentations.



Another unforgettable moment was the symposium dinner at Royal Automobile Club; it was full of fun for everyone and some important people got awards from the BDIAP. To me, this was a great opportunity to expand my current network and a way to create new memories.



Conclusion

Though it was for a short time, I had a fantastic experience professionally and yet I also enjoyed immersing myself in the life and culture of the city

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God bless you!





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