

BDIAP Gynecological conference 2019

I am a newly qualified consultant Histopathologist with a special interest in Gynaecological Pathology from Sri Lanka. I am also a senior lecturer attached to the Department of Pathology, Faculty of medicine, University of Colombo. The histopathology unit of the Department of Pathology is one of the largest postgraduate training centers in the country. As a newly appointed histopathologist in the University Pathology unit, apart from the day-to-day reporting duties, my duties also extended in to training and teaching undergraduate medical students and postgraduate histopathology trainees.

I feel the transition period from being a postgraduate trainee to a consultant is a rather challenging period. It is during this rather tough time of my professional life that I had the fortune of being selected for a bursary by the BDIAP to attend the Gynaecological symposium in last November.

I had a very positive and pleasant time at the conference. The conference topics were up to date and carefully designed to make the experience of attending the conference from half way across the world well worthwhile. The panel of lecturers were skillful in delivering rather complex information in a palatable and practically useful manner. Although most of the topics discussed were available online in various journal articles, I believe it would take much more time and effort on my part to understand how this information could be integrated in to practice. Attending this conference facilitated me in achieving this goal. The topics, which were of special interest to be, were the “molecular classification of endometrial carcinoma”, “the benefits and relevance of testing the presence of microsatellite instability in endometrial carcinoma” and “the Gynaecological Pathology case discussion”.

I am also very thankful to the BDIAP for inviting all the Bursary holders to the fellowship dinner. This enabled me to meet and be acquainted with fellow pathologists from across the world.

Finally, I would like to thank BDIAP staff being ever so helpful in all matters leading to attending this conference.

I can confidently assure that I have greatly benefited from attending this conference and I am practically incorporating the new inputs I received at the conference in my day-to-day reporting where feasible. It helped become more confident in certain areas of gynecological pathology at a point of time when I needed it the most, not only as a diagnostician but also as a teacher and a researcher in this topic.

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