

Winter Gynecological pathology symposium in the heart of London: A beautiful experience.

November 2019, I visited London for 4 days for a two-day Gynecological Pathology symposium. I took an 8-hour flight to London, include commute to the airport back and forth, I travelled for 26 hrs. to stay in London for 96 hrs. and it was totally worth it! It was one of the best experiences of my life!

All thanks to BDIAP's generous bursary, the travel and accommodation expenses were very well covered leaving me enough time to concentrate on the lectures and explore the Christmas decorations lit magnificent London.

When in the beginning of November, I received email from BDIAP that my bursary application has been accepted, I was shocked! Though I did plan visiting London but knew that they have received a lot of applications. Planning the trip was effortless as the symposium venue was in the vicinity of renowned hotels and tourist attractions.

Getting the opportunity to meet the best GYN pathologists from all over the world like Professor McCluggage and Dr Nucci whose publications and recommendations we base our practice on, is priceless. I had previously met Dr Naveena Singh and was moved by her knowledge and experience as it flows through her words.

I reached London on 21st of November, coming from a hot country like Qatar, the weather was a delight. The symposium venue, the royal college of Medicine is aptly situated near the famous Oxford street. The symposium had a humble beginning with a warm welcome by the BDIAP president Dr McMahon followed by lectures on sex cord stromal tumors of the ovary and a briefing on the new classification of endometrial cancers by Dr. Xavier. In the coffee break, I had a nice talk with many attendees from all over the world including Dr Omar Chughtai who I have followed on twitter for a longtime. After the coffee break was the most awaited lecture on interpretation of Mismatch repair by Dr Longacre, another name not foreign to any pathologist.

In the evening we enjoyed the gala Dinner at the Royal automobile club. It was a good chance to chat with the pathologists and take pictures with our role models for social media 😊

The next day was packed with interesting case discussions. We were sent scanned slide links in advance and had submitted our responses. It would not be an exaggeration to say that Dr Baljeet Kaur's case of choriocarcinoma/loss of mismatch repair associated endometrial carcinoma had more twists than any case I have ever seen. It was a breathtaking ending to a delightful meeting.

I cannot wait to attend the next BDIAP meeting!



