

# Symposium on Gynaecological Pathology, taking place in London on 22-23 November 2019

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## I. Introduction.

I am Delphine, a third-year medical postgraduate student in Masters of Medicine in Anatomical Pathology program in the University of Rwanda, School of Medicine and Health Sciences. It is a 4 year program where we cover Basic sciences, Research, Surgical pathology, Cytopathology, Forensic and Autopsy Pathology plus dissertations done at the end of the program. Lectures are given by our local 15 pathologists where we have one Legal Medicine Specialist, one Nephropathologist and others are general pathologists. We have pathologists who come to Rwanda through the HRH (Human Resource for Health) program to give us some lectures and evaluations are thereafter done as continuous assessments or at the end of each year where we also do written and practical examinations supervised by external examiners. Residents rotate in 5 referral hospitals which have Histopathology Labs (Kigali University Teaching Hospital, Butare University Teaching Hospital, Rwanda Military Hospital and King Faisal Hospital) and Rwanda forensic laboratory forensics.

Currently I am rotating at Kigali University Teaching Hospital where they process around 3500 specimens for histology, 1200 cytology specimens. Studies for histology samples are based on morphology where tissues are stained with Hematoxylin and Eosin; special stainings are done out of the hospital. For cytology samples we do Diff Quick stain, PAP stain as well as hematoxylin and eosin.

In our country, mostly in our Anatomical Pathology department, residents are encouraged to attend national and international conferences and it is with that spirit that I applied for BDIAP bursary to attend the symposium on gynaecological pathology.

## II. Activities attended.

- The Symposium on Gynaecopathology held on Friday 22 November (09:25-17:30) at the royal society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, St Marylebone, London W1G 0AE
- The Symposium Dinner which took place on the evening of Friday 22 November (19:30 reception for a 20:00 dinner) at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HS
- Slide seminar held on Saturday 23 November (08:30-12:00) The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, St Marylebone, London W1G 0AE

I attended all the presentations and also I enjoyed the dinner where we discussed and shared with other pathologists' s experience. I was inspired to do a case report by a woman pathologist who got a recognition for her hardworking where she used to generate a case report every week.

### III. Use of the bursary.

I was honored to receive a bursary, which was budgeted and helped me to cover:

- Flight ticket, ground transport, Accommodation and Food.
- Symposium registration and Dinner were paid by BDIAP.

The stay was really enjoyable for me and my colleagues and all my receipts were submitted.

### IV. Acknowledgements.

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- I thank UK visa application center for facilitating me to get a Visa.
- I thank my institution for encouraging residents to attend meetings like this.
- I would also like to thank very much my husband for his continuous support through my residency.

### V. Photograph gallery



