

IAP2024 Bursary Report

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I'd like to start by expressing my gratitude to the BDIAP for awarding me a bursary to attend the IAP congress in Mexico from 27-31 of October 2024.

I was keen to attend this congress for a number of reasons, the most pressing being my desire to listen to and learn from world leading experts in their respective fields. I am currently in the Stage D phase of my training and preparing to be a consultant and this symposium has helped me acquire most up to date and in depth knowledge in the areas that I am developing specialist interest such as haemtopathology, GUN pathology and dermatopathology. Additionally all of the conferences I have attended to date have been UK-based so it was an exciting opportunity to experience an international conference and to be exposed to different approaches from around the world.

It is impossible for me to single out a speaker for being exceptional as they all surpassed my expectations. But the most fruitful sessions for me was from Dr Elaine Jaffe, classification of lymphomas: The long and winding road as well as Recent advances in histopathological and molecular profile of melanocytic neoplasms by Dr Arnaud De La Fouchardiere.

It was a great experience to be able to attend this conference and connect with pathologists at all stages of training. I especially enjoyed speaking to trainee pathologists from Mexico and hear their experiences of what training in pathology is like.

Finally I would like to thank IAP for organising this wonderful event. It was a real success and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I will be encouraging my colleagues to attend coming IAP congresses. I have already started planning for IAP Congress, Fukuoka 2026!