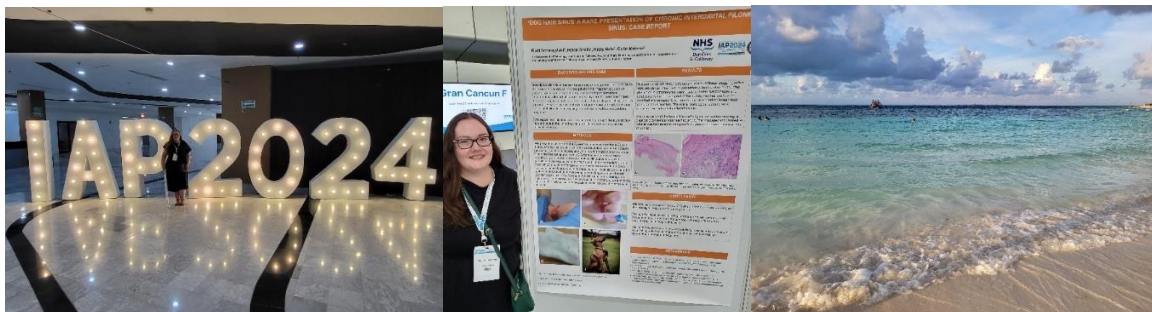


My name is Rudi Schmigylski and I am a stage B trainee reporting scientist, currently working within a small DGH team at Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary. This year I was the grateful recipient of the BDIAP Allied Scientist bursary award which allowed me to attend and present three posters at the IAP Congress in Cancun, Mexico.



I was interested in the opportunity to attend and present an abstract at Congress this year to widen my knowledge, network with international colleagues and make a small contribution to the latest scientific work being carried out by our pathology community. The event absolutely exceeded my expectations and I particularly enjoyed the gastrointestinal pathology lectures covering topics such as GIT lymphomas and drug induced colidities. The discussion around drug related patterns of colitis and the potential mimicking of inflammatory bowel disease struck a chord with me and is something I will think about during my everyday practice e.g. checking the patient's current medication before reporting the histology when I encounter a new diagnosis of inflammatory bowel disease.



After attending the wonderful seminars, delivering poster presentations and interacting with colleagues from around the world, I feel both my professional confidence and histopathology knowledge have increased considerably. I am excited to share the knowledge I've gained from attending IAP Congress with my team here in Dumfries and I would enthusiastically encourage my fellow scientific and medical colleagues to consider attending in the future.