

BDIAP Report: IAP 2024

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The IAP hosts a platform bringing together world experts to showcase novel, emerging entities and the story behind them, including the question of how a disease receives its name. I wanted to attend to see this, but also to present and discuss our work on the international stage.

IAP 2024 was a fantastic experience. I have not attended an international congress of such a large scale. I often found difficulty choosing between talks, as there was such a variety to choose from.

On the first day, I attended the macroscopy and microscopy sessions for trainees about how to approach cases. I found this very useful as a third-year trainee, particularly bone and soft tissue (BST) tumours which requires initial low power examination to examine the architectural pattern, stroma, vasculature and then high power to look at the cytology/morphology, atypia and mitoses.

The next day, I attended an interesting talk on non-neoplastic liver cases. There were a wide variety of cases from Hepatitis E superimposed on Hepatitis B acute hepatitis to drug-induced liver injury due to herbal medicines (Turmeric, but also Echinacea, green tea extract, ginger, valerian) and the increased susceptibility with certain HLA associations. Additionally, I enjoyed the lecture about the future of digital pathology and the potential for artificial intelligence to be incorporated into our work. The talk about mistakes in pathology with lessons learned delivered by Dr Reuter was excellent. Helpful points included not relying solely on one immunohistochemical stain and the importance of understanding the correct clinical context.

I enjoyed the case-based series and discussion of emerging entities within the field in both the female genital tract and BST, which was a combination of the specialities which my case presentation was based on.

Overall, the congress exceeded my expectations. I enjoyed the cultural experiences, including listening to the oldest Mexican quartet! I would strongly recommend the congress to early pathologists to better understand the underpinnings of diagnoses within pathology and the inherent challenging nature of our work, yet everlastingly intriguing.



New friends and I at the conference



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