

## **BDIAP Travel Award to attend the Leeds Pathology 2019 Conference, Harrogate (12th Joint BDIAP & PathSoc Meeting)**

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I would sincerely like to thank the BDIAP for their generous travel award to attend the Leeds Pathology 2019 conference from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019, which marked the 12<sup>th</sup> joint BDIAP and PathSoc meeting. The conference was held in the very modern Convention Centre at the heart of the beautiful town of Harrogate.



I arrived to Harrogate on the first day and went straight to the 'Molecular Pathology Driving Practice' symposium, chaired by Professor A Flanagan and Professor H Grabsch, showcasing a range of fascinating talks on phenotype versus genotype of different cancers and the application of various genomic techniques in diagnostics and personalised medicine. This was followed by the incredibly well-received Public Lecture on the '100,000 Genomes Project' presented by Professor J Jones aptly closing the first day of the conference. The evening ended with a lovely and warm welcome reception in the beautiful Sun Pavilion and gardens.

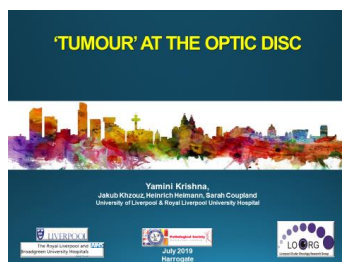
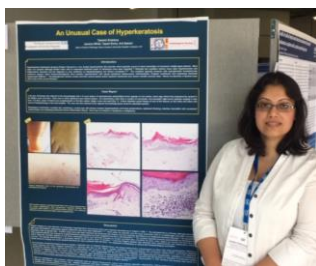


The second day kicked off with symposiums on hepatobiliary pathology, molecular pathology pathways and head and neck pathology. In the latter session, I was really grateful to be given the opportunity to present my oral paper on "Optic Nerve Sarcoidosis Presenting as a 'Tumour'

at the Optic Disc.” The plenary presentations from various pathology disciplines and the PathSoc Doniach Lecture were the highlight of the afternoon session. The evening finished with a bang: a live band and wonderful company, food and drink served at the spectacular Royal Hall, and of course the photobooth!



The third and final day of the conference presented the pulmonary pathology, advances in proteins and dermatopathology symposia. I also presented my poster on “An Unusual Case of Hyperkeratosis” (Flegel’s disease) and was delighted receive positive feedback from and be part of informative discussions with the judges and passing senior pathologists on the topic. In the afternoon I attended the trainee workshops on renal, soft tissue and head and neck pathology with great teaching cases from the experts, approach and diagnostic pearls.



The annual summer meeting is always the highlight for pathology trainees, undergraduates and consultants to learn from experts in the various subspecialties within pathology, share academic interests, network and socialise with the wider pathology community. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience at the conference and am very grateful to the BDIAP for supporting my attendance and the opportunities to present. I look forward to the future meetings.