

## **Report on the 12th Joint Meeting of BDIAP and the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, I left Rotterdam early to be able to spend a nice day in Harrogate (including lunch at Bettys). That evening, the National Academic Trainee Network Meeting started in Harrogate's oldest bar. We got an inspirational welcome talk by Prof. Phil Quirke.

The next day, the program started with talks on different structures of academic training by trainees from the UK, Germany, Switzerland and The Netherlands (me). What surprised the other trainees most is that we have 6 months of mandatory research embedded in our Dutch pathology training program.

In the afternoon we had the chance to practise a 3-minute thesis pitch, with three prizes to win. The jury could not decide on the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and four of us received the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. I was lucky enough to be one of them!

Another interesting part of the program was a reflection on stress by a bomb disposal operator and a training on resilience. We learned to say 'no', but also that if everyone always said 'no' the work would not get done. It was a very practical and useful course.

The next day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July, the Leeds Pathology Meeting started. I have mostly attended the sessions on 'Biology and Translation', 'Molecular Pathology Pathways' and 'Advances in Proteins' as this seemed most relevant to my PhD project. Especially the 'Phenotype vs. genotype' lectures interested me: I learned that the genotype cannot always give as much answers as I thought. I also learned about the 100,000-genome project and how it already helps individual patients with rare diseases. Another interesting part of the program was the BDIAP Kristin Henry Lecture by Prof. McMahon, on the history and future of the IAP. I did not know there are so many divisions all over the world!

I attended the welcome reception and the conference dinner, which were both in very impressive venues. After the conference dinner a band played and we all danced.

On the last day of the meeting, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, I presented a poster on one of my PhD projects. It was valuable to present the project to an audience of pathologists and I received some relevant questions.

During the breaks and the social events, I met many other trainees and I could catch up with the trainees I already met last year in Maastricht. That was probably the part I liked most: meeting trainees with a similar interest in academic pathology. I hope it will result in future collaborations!

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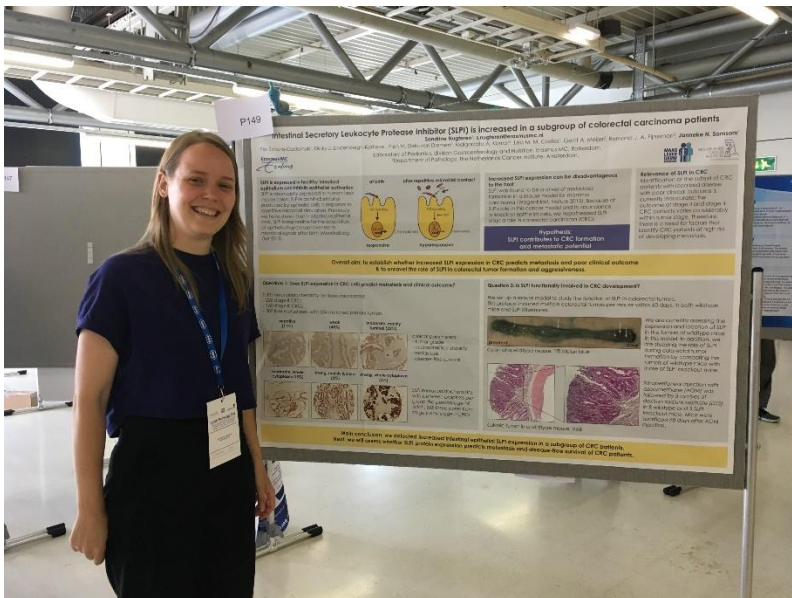
A nice day in Harrogate



The park where the welcome reception was held



The conference dinner at the Royal Hall



Me, presenting my poster