

BDIAP Bursary Award Report 2023
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14th Joint meeting of the BDIAP and The Pathological Society

My name is Alex Simonovic and I was fortunate enough to be awarded a BDIAP bursary in innovation to attend the Liverpool Pathology conference this year.

I wanted to attend this prestigious event not only to present my research on how our centre has reduced breast cancer turnaround times but also to get feedback, attend useful lectures and to network with trainees, allied professionals and top specialists in histopathology from across the country and internationally. I also love Liverpool, the artistic, famous home to the Beatles!

I attended a combination of trainee focused talks as well as useful lectures such as Dr Browning's 'challenging renal tumour differential diagnoses' with case dilemmas which I thought were particularly helpful should I come across such cases as a consultant. The knowledge and practical approaches I learnt has helped me become more confident in my clinical practice. Highlights also included the Pathological Society CL Oakley Lecture by Dr. Young on harnessing the potential of the colorectal cancer-associated microbiome, the WHO 2022 update and challenges in testicular tumours, the genito-urinary pathology session and Professor Amary, Dr. Thway and Dr. Hughes' session on soft tissue pathology.

Moreover, I got to meet some of the corporate partners developing digital pathology and artificial intelligence resources within pathology and we had some interesting and avid debates! Going digital will be a steady change for us all in the next few years. Several doctors from my hospital attended the conference on different days and as a team we have discussed implementing some of the ideas and practices from other hospitals. It has been real food for thought.

The Liverpool conference exceeded my expectations, not only in the range of talks on offer, but also in the knowledge I gained from reading others' research. I also enjoyed learning how to ride an e-scooter and attending many of the social events organised such as the conference dinner and The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra's performance of Sixteen Swans with works by Strauss, Sibelius and Tchaikovsky.

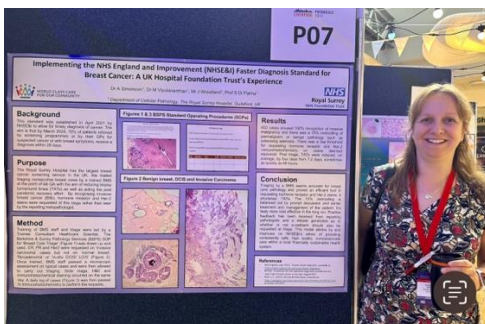
I am very grateful to have been given this opportunity and would definitely recommend this cultural, clinical and educational meeting to my colleagues.



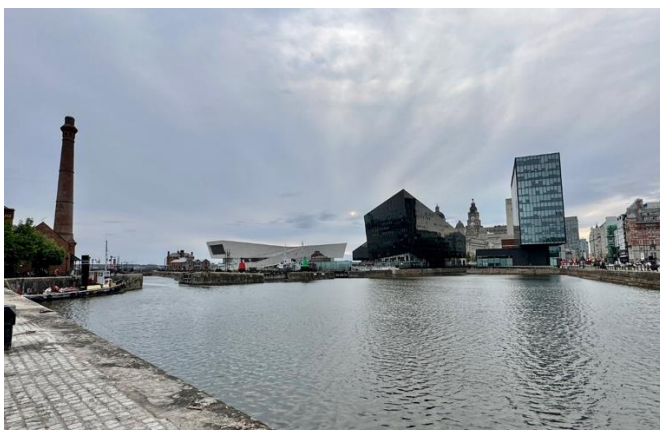
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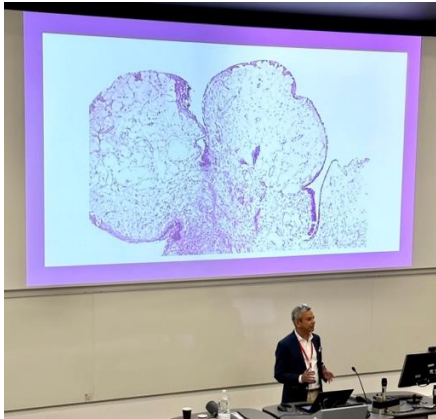
The Dock Traffic Office, Salthouse Quay, Liverpool



Poster presentation



Royal Albert Dock, Liverpool



Dr. Chandra's 'Distinction of urothelial carcinoma from its mimickers'



Royal Liver Building, Liverpool



Sixteen Swans, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Roderick Cox