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Liverpool Pathology marked my first conference as a histopathologist trainee. I had undertaken some small pieces of research during the first 6 months of training that had produced some interesting results. Liverpool pathology was the perfect opportunity to present this work and receive feedback from colleagues and senior researchers. My study budget locally would not have covered the cost of the conference and therefore having this funding available ultimately meant I was able to attend and have the fantastic time that I had.

Following the trainee specific sessions I feel a lot more confident with various clinical issues especially following the soft tissue symposium, a notoriously tricky subject. It was also reassuring to hear many struggles that consultants were facing in their clinical practice regarding diagnostic pitfalls and uncertainty.

I attended several of the gastrointestinal pathology sessions, and I learnt several practical clinical points from these. To give some examples. The session on drug induced intestinal injury gave me a wider understanding of the morphology and aetiology of inflammation seen due to drugs. There were also some practical tips about report writing and phrasing which I intend to use in my clinical practice moving forward.

The trainee symposium on pleural pathology was also an educational highlight with cases being accessible before the event allowing me to browse and come up with a differential diagnosis. During the session there was a pragmatic and detailed, but clear, approach to the pathology which was very educational. I am now much more informed moving into clinical work regarding pleural disease.

The final day session on mimics of urothelial carcinoma was also very clinically relevant and the speaker departed wisdom on common pitfalls and malignancy mimics. I am now much more aware of the differential diagnoses of a potential urothelial carcinoma and will be able to rule this out more confidently in my clinical practice.

I would say that Liverpool Pathology exceeded my expectations with a much more packed and interested programme than I was anticipating. The organisation was excellent, and talks occurred on time and efficiently. I used the IT facilities in the conference and these also ran very smoothly with on hand help from the IT department. The opportunities for networking and the social calendar were also vast and allowed me to meet several individuals who inspire me within my field. Thank you so much for the opportunity.

I would under no uncertain terms recommend the joint meeting to my colleagues and it has undoubtedly been the pathology highlight of the year. I shall be attending the next meeting enthusiastically. Thank you to the BDIAP for providing me with this opportunity.