

Bursary Report

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I wanted to go to Liverpool Pathology 2023 as a general refresher on areas that I regularly report, including gastrointestinal and breast pathology. I attended on Tuesday 27th June and was able to attend several talks as well as presenting my poster (see photo below) on two interesting cases of Leishmaniasis reported at my workplace.

In the morning I found the session on “Gastrointestinal Pathology: Challenges in Colorectal Neoplasia” very useful. Dr Maurice Loughrey’s talk on “ICCR datasets in colorectal cancer” was very informative, as I had been largely unaware of the work of ICCR in developing internationally standardised and evidence-based datasets. Professor Iris Nagtegaal’s talk on “Metastasis in Colorectal Cancer: New perspectives” highlighted some concepts in metastasis that I hadn’t previously been aware of.

In the afternoon the session on “Breast Pathology: Breast cancer development and early and indolent breast cancer” was also very useful. I enjoyed Professor Paul van Diest’s talk on “Use of artificial intelligence for diagnosis in breast cancer” as a preview and taster of what the future may entail. Professor Cecily Quinn’s talk on “Apocrine lesions of the breast” was a very practical and useful summary that I have already been able to apply in my reporting of breast cases with apocrine lesions.

I feel more confident in my practice following attendance at Liverpool Pathology 2023. The conference met my expectations and was also a great opportunity to network and re-establish links with colleagues at other Trusts. I would recommend future BDIAP / Pathsoc conferences to my colleagues and trainees in my Department.

