



**I** Dr. Nilupa Prasadini Karunathilake, a second-year histopathology registrar from Sri Lanka, at Faculty of Medicine University of Peradeniya would like to express my deepest gratitude for awarding me with one of the six bursaries to participate in the virtual meeting of Manchester pathology 2021, the 13th Joint Meeting of the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology and the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland, held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2021. Not only that but also for giving me the opportunity to present my work at the aforementioned event as well as to publish in the prestigious journal of *Journal of Pathology*; A journal by the Pathological Society.

The conference was well organised, equipped with various sessions on pulmonary pathology, genitourinary and gynaecological pathology, molecular pathology, hepatobiliary pathology, dermatopathology ect, which contained updated and comprehensive knowledge in pathogenesis, genetic basis, management and prognosis of those fields.

The highlight of the event was the live Q & A session of the poster presentation where I got the opportunity to meet the experts of the fields virtually and to get inspired by their wisdom. At last, but not least the post graduate trainee sessions held by superb speakers provided us a vast knowledge with an interesting case-based approach.

Furthermore, the virtual platform was advanced, user-friendly, very easy and convenient to access and navigate through the events. Moreover, the online platform was designed in a way that we could enjoy with games and point systems. The meet hub where we could meet exhibitors and also friends during the breaks was refreshing our minds as well. In addition, there were recorded videos of the lectures in the site where we could visit later and enjoy, without missing the sessions due to time overlap. However, I would also like to mention that I miss the social events and most of all the chance to enjoy the English culture, wintry weathers and nature in Manchester, UK in person which could have been an unforgettable experience as well.

Once again, I sincerely thank and appreciate the organising committee for their generosity in offering such invaluable and inspirational opportunities to trainees like us, throughout our carrier on behalf of the betterment of blossoming pathologists all over the world...