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First, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to BDIAP for the bursary they offer me to join Manchester Pathology 2021 and present my research. As a Histopathology trainee from a developing country, I gained a good knowledge on recent advances in Pathology through the conference. It was a nice blend of all the relevant specialties including surgery, oncology, medicine and radiology, making it more and more comprehensive.

The day 01 sessions I attended were hepatopancreatobiliary pathology, inflammatory GI diseases and also BDIAP Kristin Henry lecture on mesenchymal tumours of the uterus.

The day 02 dermatopathology sessions were full of novel updates including molecular genetic tests and treatment strategies based on pathological findings. I participated my live Q & A session in the evening. I gained a lot of experience through this. My Q & A session was successful and also I was able to win a BDIAP abstract prize. I tried my best to participate the sessions actively with a good quality e poster and also with an informative pre-recorded presentation, because I wanted to gain the maximum benefit from the opportunity I received.

On day 03, I was able to join the breast cancer sessions and lung cancer sessions together with some lectures in trainee workshop.

All the sessions I participated contained an excellent educational quality that improved and updated my knowledge. The organized structure of the virtual conference was excellent and amazing. The instructions on everything were given on time via emails. The benefit I got due to the virtual nature of the conference was that I was able to listen the lectures comfortably within my own familiar surroundings. However in person attendance is also beneficial as we can meet world leading pathologists through these kinds of conferences.

I would like to offer my huge thank to BDIAP again for giving opportunities to trainees from developing countries including Sri Lanka to reach international conferences like Manchester Pathology.

Thank you very much

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