

Bursary Report for the Manchester Pathology Meeting 2021

It is my honour to submit a report on my personal experience on one of the most exciting academic secessions I participated- Manchester Pathology Meeting 2021, organized by the British Division of International Academy of Pathology.

I participated as a delegate as well as I was given the opportunity to present in a live Q and A secession. This was my first LIVE virtual appearance in an Q and A secession in an international academic conference, which was totally a novel experience. At first it was felt little unfamiliar and uncomfortable, but with the support provided by the technical team prior to and during the event, it was all felt home. One of the reasons why this Q and A secession was the most exciting part of the event for me was participating in a live discussion with one of the eminent GI Pathologists in the UK, Prof. Roger Feakins. I was honoured to have a live discussion with him and, it was one of the memorable days of my professional life. This was confounded and, I was overwhelmed as I was a warded a prize as one of the best three research abstracts in GI- pathology under Bursary category.

This secession was little different to the virtual academic events I attended, as it was very dynamic, aiming to target a wider audience in the field, in terms of speciality and level of experience. For example, at a given time several parallel secessions were conducted. At the same time recorded secessions were too available to be seen if they were missed or just for revision. This could scope for many sub specialities in the few days the secession was held. There were specially designed topics for the trainees, for both senior and junior ones. This includes macroscopic cut-ups secessions with video demonstrations and quizzes with grand prizes for the winners. These not only help to improve the knowledge, but also glued the junior audience to the secession. Another interesting and attracting aspect of this event is, the program was surged with novel and UpToDate concepts in many research areas throughout the program covering all the sub specialities.

One of the downsides of the virtual secessions is that people do not have space to enjoy networking and meeting up in person. Even though this cannot be completely avoided despite whatever measure one would take, BDIAP had created a virtual platform for the people to chat, network, and express them selves during each event.

The whole program was a success and had used a virtual platform with a cutting-edge tech. I consider this as a privilege that the BDIAP given to the trainees from member countries. I thank you all the members of the organising committee of the Manchester Pathology Meeting 2021, British Division of International Academy of Pathology for giving me this fantastic opportunity. Looking forward to joining all the exciting academic events organized by the BDIAP in the future.

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