

Bursary Report – Dr. Grainne O’Keeffe – Molecular and approach to cut up day

I attended the 2025 BDIAP study for molecular and approach to cut up on the 3-4th March 2025. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience. Overall it tremendously contributed towards my learning in the areas of both macroscopic cut up and molecular pathology. This programme was very well organised and included excellent talks from experienced and specialised pathologists.

The molecular study day provided deep insight and updates on various histopathology topics. I found it very useful that early morning talks were generalist focus. As a trainee this provided me with a relevant, accessible and appropriate overview. While the latter sessions were more focused but also useful and insightful. I particularly enjoyed the talk on respiratory pathology by Prof Nicholson, an area I have a specialist interest in. Case studies provided by Dr Evans were also very insightful and helped me apply my learning.

In terms of the macroscopic cut up study, I found this very relevant as a histopathology trainee. I now utilise this resource in my every working day implementing the advice and tips provided to me. My increased understanding regarding the rationale and approach to cut up specimens has improved my confidence and competence in this area since. I found it useful that a portion of talks were provided by scientists specialised in this field.

The study days far exceeded my expectations of the event. Both in terms of the quality of the sessions and the breadth of material covered. I will highly recommend it and hope to attend again in the future.