

BDIAP (joint with BAUP) Symposium on Urological Pathology Bursary Report

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My name is Kate Tilley and I am currently an ST4 West of Scotland histopathology trainee working at the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow. I am a BDIAP member and it was via email that I received information regarding this symposium. From this I was intrigued to look at the programme as I have found myself developing an interest in uropathology during my training however I feel there are gaps in my knowledge and therefore wanted to learn more. The programme really appealed to me as it covered a wide array of topics as well as providing relevant updates that will be important to utilise within my everyday practice.

I was amazed to receive a bursary to attend the symposium and cannot thank BDIAP enough for their kind contribution. I am very grateful for their generosity. With the current COVID-19 pandemic I was truly looking forward to attending this symposium in person as I feel that virtual platforms do not deliver the same experience, in terms of environment, social networking and escaping distractions from home and work. Initially it felt strange to be back in this environment however it quickly became normal and somewhat nostalgic to see so many people in the one room again. I don't think I could go back to attending virtual conferences after this!

The symposium exceeded my expectations as it was well attended, ran to time and all of the speakers delivered such excellent presentations. Some were even controversial at times which always makes for a good discussion! My favourite part of the conference was the case presentations on the second day. They were very interesting cases and it was a great learning experience to be able to look at the histology beforehand in your own time then confirm or refute your diagnosis, with some helpful tips along the way.

I definitely feel more confident in reporting urological pathology since attending the symposium and I have learnt to question even simple things that I would have previously just accepted but now I am wanting to understand the evidence behind it. I would definitely recommend it to my colleagues and I hope to attend again as a consultant in the not-too-distant future!



Pictured with two other ST4 trainee colleagues at the Automobile Club, Pall Mall.

Left to right: Katie Gardner, Kate Tilley, Imran Ahmed.