

Report of the BDIAP/BAUP Symposium on Urological Pathology, London, 5-6 November 2021

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Currently as a second-year resident, I already took a special interest in Urological Pathology of all the subspecialties Pathology can offer. Participating in this symposium contributed to consolidate my enthusiasm and interest in Urological Pathology as a future sub specialisation. At the same time, it broadened my knowledge on this area based on the latest developments by experts in this field. Lastly, this bursary gave me the opportunity to network with other enthusiastic colleagues in the field of Urological Pathology.

The two-days symposium was held at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London. The first day included sessions about the current and new WHO- classifications in tumors of the kidney, bladder, prostate and testis. The presenters were world-renowned experts in this field such as prof. Dan Berney, prof. Holger Moch, prof. Sean Williamson, prof. George Netto, prof. Mahul Amin, dr. Murali Varma and prof. Clare Verril and most of them participated in writing the WHO book on Urological Pathology. It was a pleasure and honor to listen to their interesting and very informative presentations. You noticed that the audience was very engaged, as the panel discussion raised multiple discussions.

In the evening there was a very elegant symposium dinner at the Royal Automobile Club for BDIAP members and bursary recipients. This was a very nice way to meet fellow residents and Pathologists (one of highlights of the symposium!).

The second day was a slide seminar in which the presenters showcased several interesting cases. You could study the cases digitally beforehand: the website was very easy to work with and the quality of the pictures was great. Some of the cases might be a bit complex for a junior resident, but the insights of the experts helped me through the complex cases.

This symposium was a very valuable experience, I thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and dinner. The level and quality of the presenters were fantastic felt and I learnt tons of new things in just two days. This symposium made me feel more confident in my knowledge and understanding of Urological Pathology. This is also the reason why I would definitely recommend this symposium to fellow residents and Pathologists. You will stay up to date in this field by world-renowned experts and you get to network with people from all over the world. This symposium showed that Urological Pathology is an ever-changing field with a lot to learn. The highlights for me were the growing influence of molecular subtyping (genomics) in renal tumors and the ever-ongoing discussion about Gleason grading.

I would like to sincerely thank the British Division of International Academy of Pathology (BDIAP) for giving me this wonderful opportunity. The bursary enabled me to go this symposium and it generously covered the registration costs, accommodation and travel expenses.

I hope to attend the next BDIAP meeting.