

BDIAP Bursary Report for USCAP 114th Annual Meeting, March 22-27, 2025, Boston

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BDIAP for awarding me this extremely generous bursary which enabled me to attend this conference and to fully engage with the educational opportunities on offer.

Why did you want to attend the USCAP 114th annual meeting?

The annual USCAP meeting is the leading histopathology conference worldwide. I was very eager to attend this conference to learn from experts in the field of histopathology, to meet with fellow histopathologists and to present my research on extranodal marginal zone lymphoma.

Do you feel more confident in your knowledge/understanding of pathology following attendance at the USCAP annual meeting?

I definitely feel more confident in my knowledge of pathology following this conference. The BDIAP bursary allowed me to attend several short and long courses as well as an interactive microscopy session. I attended a long course entitled "A 360 Degree View of Neoplastic Gynaecologic Pathology". During this course I learnt about the correct use and interpretation of biomarkers, advances in molecular techniques and listened to experts discuss challenging areas in gynaecologic pathology. It was very insightful to listen to world experts discuss challenging cases and diagnostic errors that they have made and the practical and useful tips they gave about navigating through these cases and arriving at the correct diagnosis.

Highlight aspects of pathology that you have learnt for the USCAP annual meeting which you were not aware of prior to the event.

Spending time walking around the booths in the exhibition hall was a great opportunity to learn about the latest research and technological advances in the field of pathology. There were many booths as well as interesting talks during the conference focused on digital pathology and AI. Digital pathology is currently being introduced into the Irish system, and it was an invaluable opportunity to learn about the different tools and systems that can be used in daily practice.

Are there any aspects of what you have learnt during the USCAP 114th annual meeting that you would consider incorporating into your practice?

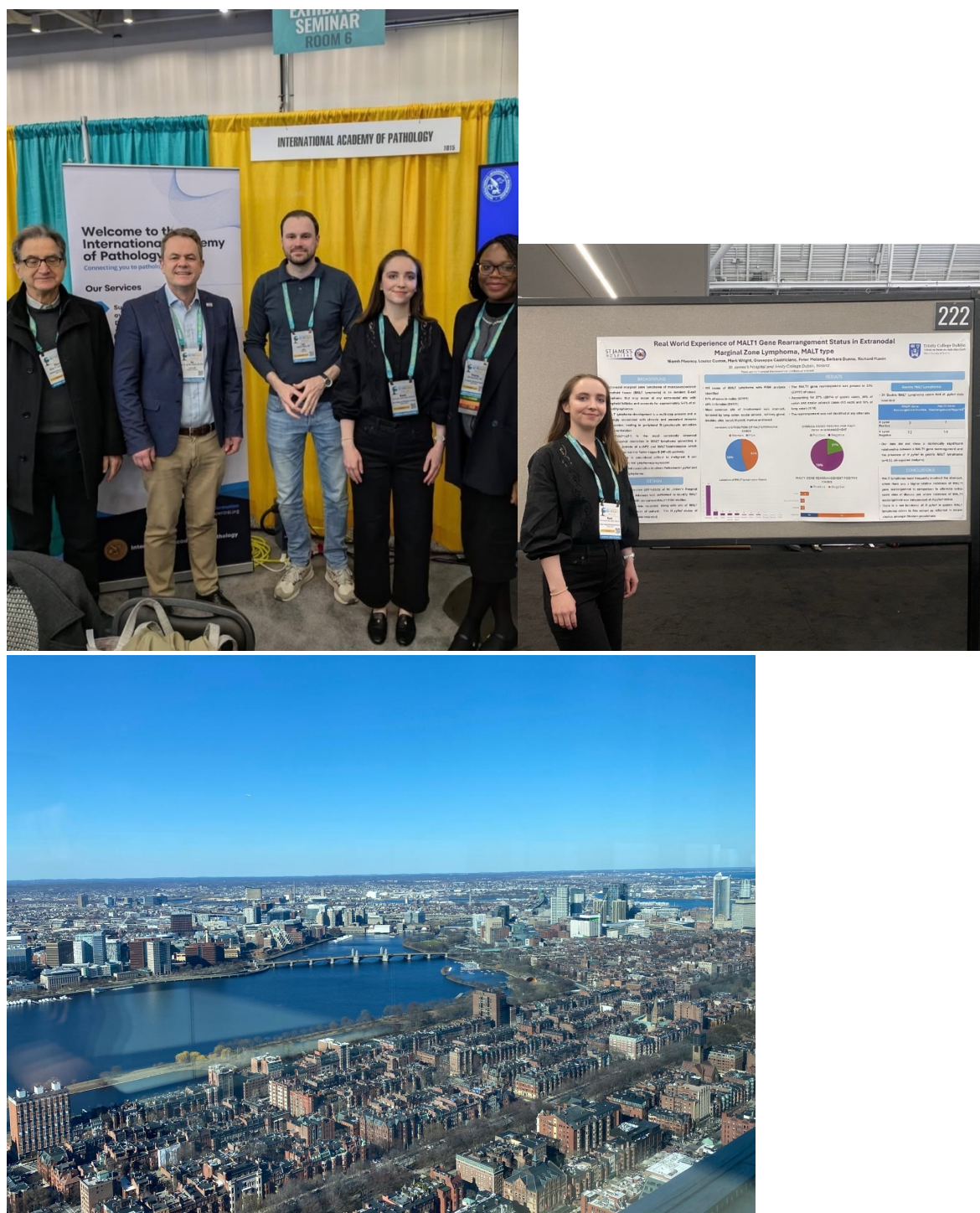
The “Day in a Sign Out” sessions gave me a plethora of information that I will incorporate into my daily practice. These sessions are aimed at trainees, and I feel that I gained a lot of practical information from attending these sessions. A particular highlight was the genitourinary session given by Dr Michelle Hirsch where we learnt how to use morphologic clues to make common diagnoses in prostate and kidney and to understand the clinicopathologic consequences of cancer diagnosis.

Did the USCAP 114th annual meeting, meet your expectations?

This conference exceeded my expectations. The quality of lectures that I attended was exceptional. The event was excellently organised and the Boston Convention Center was a superb location. There were many opportunities to network with histopathologists from around the world. I enjoyed attending the welcome reception as well as the fellowship fair, where I learnt about exciting fellowship opportunities.

Finally, would you recommend the USCAP annual meeting to your colleagues?

I would highly recommend attending USCAP to my colleagues. This conference is an excellent opportunity to meet with fellow histopathologists, learn about cutting edge advances in the field, current research and attend exceptional lectures. This conference is suitable for junior trainees as well as highly specialised consultants. I look forward to attending this conference many times into the future.



Images:

1. With my fellow BDIAP bursary recipients meeting with Dr. Jan von der Thüsen and Professor Ghazi Zaatari (image courtesy of BDIAP Instagram account)
2. Presenting my poster at the haematopathology poster session
3. Image of the Boston skyline from the observation deck at the Prudential Centre