

## **Report on trip sponsored by travel bursary**

I received a generous bursary from the BDIAP to travel to the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Annual Meeting held in Vancouver, Canada from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2018. This was my second time to attend the meeting and I found it to be of great benefit to my ongoing pathology education as well as an excellent opportunity to showcase research I have been involved with.

I presented a poster on research I am undertaking investigating the link between long non-coding RNAs and resistance to enzalutamide in prostate cancer. Thus far, we have used microarray technology and qPCR to identify and validate long non-coding RNAs that are differentially expressed between prostate cancer cell lines that are sensitive and resistant to enzalutamide. The poster was well received and the feedback from attendees will inform our future work and the formulation of our manuscript for publication.

The meeting also afforded me the opportunity to review research being carried out by other pathologists from all over the world. I attended platform presentations in gastrointestinal and genitourinary pathology as well as poster presentations on varying topics. The opportunity to hear of recent developments in specific areas of pathology and possible future areas of interest was of great benefit to me.

I attended numerous educational sessions while at the meeting including the companion society meetings of the Hans Popper Hepatopathology Society and the Rodger C. Haggitt Gastrointestinal Society Meeting where talks were given on topics such as soft tissue tumours of the liver and the pathology of bowel cancer screening. I also thoroughly enjoyed the Nathan Kaufman Timely Topics Lecture from Gilbert Welch on overdiagnosis and cancer screening.

Overall, I found the meeting to be of great value to my education and career development. I was able to meet with friends and colleagues in pathology as well as meet new pathologists and potential future collaborators. I learned a great deal and was exposed to many new ideas and concepts. I would like to thank the BDIAP for approving me for a travel bursary. It was greatly appreciated.

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