

BDIAP report - KSP 2025

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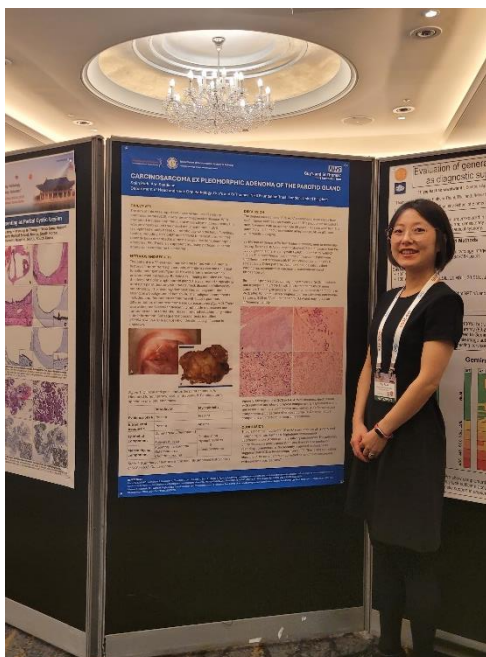
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The Second International Congress of Korean Society of Pathologist in Seoul was an exciting opportunity to meet pathologists from East, Central and Southeast Asia and the USA. The two-day conference was packed with educational talks across many surgical specialties including soft tissue pathology delivered by Dr Jason Hornick who comprehensively summarised and highlighted the role of immunohistochemistry in the diagnosis of soft tissue tumours.

Particularly insightful session for me was on cervical screening in South Korea, Taiwan and Japan, comparing the programmes and techniques used in the respective countries. In the West, cervical cancer is seen as a disease of young people but in East Asia, it is seen in the elderly who present at a later stage. It was also interesting to learn about the role of pathologists in the field of public health and politics to influence and design the screening programme.

Throughout the event there was a large exhibition with a wide range of companies for digital pathology displaying their hardware and software products. I learned that artificial intelligence is being used widely in many Korean departments, for example, in interpreting HER2 expression and Ki67 staining. This helps their workflow, turnaround times and residents thought it was a helpful training tool. Although there are areas that are yet to be improved with the use of AI on digital slides, it was great to learn about the advances in pathology implemented in clinical practice.



I would like to express my gratitude to BDIAP for the bursary to attend KSP 2025. I had the opportunity to present my poster on carcinosarcoma ex pleomorphic adenoma, supervised by Dr Sandison. Although a short conference I was able to make friends and enjoyed speaking to residents and consultants, learning about differences in training programmes and working cultures across the world.