

Report on Leeds Pathology 2019, 12th Joint Meeting of the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology and the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland, 2 – 4 July 2019

I am currently in the second year of training in histopathology and consider conferences a valuable occasion to be exposed to the latest discoveries in the field, interesting topics presented by experts and a chance to network with experts and trainees. With this report I would like to express my gratitude to the Pathological Society for financially supporting my attendance to Leeds Pathology 2019.

This was my first time in York and I was very impressed by the environment of Harrogate. I found that the Harrogate Convention Centre was the perfect venue for the conference.

On the first day I attended symposium of gynaecological pathology with a main topic of mismatch repair deficiency in gynaecological cancers and recent developments in Lynch syndrome. Afterwards I attended the second part of the undergraduate day, where the undergraduate students presented their work. Dr Darren Treanor also gave talk about digital pathology. The highlight of the day was a Public Lecture by Professor Louise Jones about 100,000 Genomes Project and Cancer.

On the second day I found particularly interesting the symposium of hepatobiliary pathology with various topics (such as IgG4-related disease in the pancreatobiliary system). Later in the day took place the CL Oakley Lecture by Dr Marnix Jansen presenting his work on early cancer in gastrointestinal tract and plenary oral presentations. The highlight of the second day was the Doniach Lecture given by Professor Graeme Ian Murray, who offered an overview of research of biomarkers in colorectal cancer. In the evening the conference dinner was held in a beautiful venue – the Royal Hall.

On the last day I chose to attend the symposium of dermatopathology. Professor Daniela Massi presented changes in classification of melanoma included in the 4th Edition of the WHO Classification of Skin Tumours and Dr John Goodlad delivered an overview of interesting new entities in cutaneous lymphomas. Also, I found the presentation on Touchable Pathology by Dr Laszlo Igali particularly captivating. I very much appreciated the programme dedicated to trainees in the afternoon, comprising of a renal workshop and mini-symposia about soft tissue and head and neck pathology. With the cases from renal pathology being available beforehand, I found this workshop especially educational. The talk by Professor Adrienne Flanagan about tricky bone pathology was very dynamic and wholesome (think chordoma!).

In the breaks between the lectures one could appreciate many posters in the hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for trainees to share the results of their research.

In conclusion this was an excellent conference with a broad spectrum of topics targeting audience with diverse level of experience. I am very grateful to the Pathological Society for awarding me the generous bursary to attend Leeds Pathology 2019.



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