

Meeting report: 12th Joint Meeting of the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology and the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland

I would like to begin by thanking the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland for generously funding my attendance at the Leeds Pathology conference which took place from 2nd – 4th July 2019. I would also like to extend my thanks for the opportunity to present my work in a poster: I gave an overview of my research in trying to better understand the immune environment in soft tissue sarcomas. Being a non-clinical PhD student, it is always enlightening to see how research is utilised and understood in a clinical context. Particularly as a bioinformatician, it is important to see how my work can coexist within a clinical pathology perspective.

I attended all 3 days of the conference and began the first day by going to the Whole Genomes symposium. I found these talks very interesting and particularly enjoyed the short oral presentations as they gave a good overview of how genomic work is being undertaken within pathology. It was also very nice to see the post-doc in my lab, Dr Christopher Steele, present his work on copy number changes in sarcoma. I chose to go to the Molecular Pathology Driving Practise symposium in the afternoon as I was particularly interested in hearing Professor Adrienne Flanagan's talk on Soft Tissue Sarcoma: Phenotype vs Genotype.

The first day ended with the Welcome Reception in the Sun Pavilion. This was a lovely environment to be able to network with other attendees at the conference, and also to learn more about Harrogate from the mayor himself.

I chose to go to the Molecular Pathology Pathways symposium on the morning of the second day. I enjoyed all the talks but particularly Dr M van Knebel Doeberitz's talk on The Immune Biology of DNA Mismatch Deficient Cancer. It was also a pleasure to attend the Oakley lecture delivered by Dr Marnix Jansen to hear about his career combining academic and clinical pathology. The second day ended with the conference dinner at the Royal Hall which was very enjoyable and provided another opportunity to network with other attendees.

The third day allowed me the opportunity to attend talks on a variety of subjects. I went to the Dermatopathology and the Gastrointestinal Pathology symposiums, and found all the presentations very interesting. Being able to attend talks on work outside of my field gives me the opportunity to understand research from a different perspective.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the conference and learnt a great deal about the research being undertaken in pathology. I am very grateful to the Pathological Society for awarding me the travel grant, and look forward to attending and contributing to further meetings.

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