

## **13<sup>th</sup> International Junior Academy Summer School; 10-12 August 2023 in Bonn Germany**

Getting the opportunity to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> International Junior Academy Summer School is one of the best achievements I have ever had in my life.

I was able to gather updated knowledge on many areas of Histopathology like head and neck, haematopathology, liver pathology, GI pathology and immunohistochemistry. How Dr. Ann Sandison simplified the grossing of a complex specimen like laryngectomy was amazing. I loved the 3D demonstration of various types of lymphomas showed by Professor Martin-Leo Hansmann. The approach to GI biopsies and liver biopsies was nicely summarized and simplified by Professor Uta Drebber and Professor Eva Wardelmann respectively. Mesenchymal tumours of GIT were discussed with up to date IHC stains and molecular genetics by Professor Eva Wardelmann, giving a good insight on how to approach such cases. Professor Arndt Hartmann showed very interesting cases highlighting the importance of using appropriate immunohistochemical stains and molecular studies and the disaster that could happen otherwise. These discussions helped to enhance and update my knowledge further. The information that I gained by listening to the above discussions will definitely be helpful for me to handle day to day Histopathology cases. Further, I got the wonderful opportunity to present a case and it was great to listen to interesting case presentations done by other participants as well.

Another fantastic prospect I got by attending this program is the networking opportunity in Histopathology across the world. I was able to meet so many postgraduate trainees in Histopathology from many countries like Germany, France, Austria, Netherlands, Ireland, Switzerland, Algebra, Morocco, Mongolia, Egypt etc. Having relationships with these professional colleagues will definitely help all of us to share experiences and knowledge with each other and getting this opportunity at a very early stage of our Histopathology career is incredible.

Not only the teaching and case discussions, we had an enjoyable and fun time in the evenings. On the first day, dinner was arranged at Hotel Zur Post, the hotel where all the participants stayed

and we trainees from across the globe got the opportunity to get to know each other. On the second day, we took part in a social evening where all the participants were taken on a guided city tour around Bonn including a visit to the prestigious Beethoven Haus. Afterwards, we had dinner at a traditional restaurant. I really enjoyed it. On the last day, it was very sad to say goodbye.

Further, I would like to thank Ms. Martina Schmidt and Mr. Karsten Krueger for being so helpful in all matters leading to attending this conference.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the German division of International Academy of Pathology and Vladimivir Totovic Foundation for giving me this wonderful opportunity by awarding a bursary to attend the 13<sup>th</sup> International Junior Academy Summer School in Bonn. Not only the conference helped to enhance my knowledge further but also helped to create an international network among Histopathology trainees across the globe. Travelling almost halfway across the globe was definitely worthwhile!

Participant from Sri Lanka

## **PROGRESS REPORT**

13<sup>th</sup> International Junior Academy in Bonn, Germany

### ***Introduction:***

I am a pathology postgraduate from Mongolia and honored to participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Junior Academy in Bonn, Germany, from 10-12th August 2023 with the support of the Vladimir Totovic Foundation.

### ***Activities and Progress:***

During these three days, I had lectures from Pathology experts, including Liver Pathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology, Mesenchymal tumors of the gastrointestinal tract, Head & Neck, Hematopathology, and Immunohistochemistry. Therefore, I had my case presentation titled “Hematolymphoid Tumor of Prostate” on the third day of the seminar.

Moreover, social activities at the Beethoven Museum and the Bonn city tour were amazing. Seminar activities were more enjoyable with my new pathology resident friends gathered internationally. Needless to mention that the much kindness of the lecturers and Organizers as well as the Hotel staff.

I have made much progress, consciously and unconsciously, by participating in this seminar. For example, First, much knowledge has been acquired that causes doubts in diagnosing pathology. I think my basic understanding has improved. Second, there was an opportunity to get to know international doctors, exchange experience, and have further contacts and cooperation. Third, Due to the lack of knowledge of global pathology trends, I was denied myself in many things. However, participating in this seminar made me feel I could study internationally and become an expert. The most pleasant thing is that by sharing this experience in Mongolia, I have the experience to tell my juniors how much potential they have and many great visions in the pathology field in the future. This may encourage many of my colleagues in Mongolia.

### ***Expectation:***

The seminar was more than I could have imagined. It is undoubtful that the foundation of medicine is Pathology. So, I built the courage to stick up this science and devote my knowledge to helping others. Therefore, the first step could be done my postgraduate program in Mongolia and do more research. Aiming to become an expert in GI and Bone and Soft Tissue pathology in Mongolia next 5 years.

Subject: Report on My Participation at the 13th International Junior Academy 2023

Dear Organizing Committee,

I am writing to provide you with a report on my experience at the 13th International Junior Academy held from August 10 to 12, 2023, in Bonn, for which I was fortunate to receive a bursary. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for this opportunity and share the valuable experiences I gained during this scientific event.

The three-day event was meticulously organized, offering an enriching and immersive experience for me as a pathology resident. Here is a breakdown of my experience each day:

Thursday:

The event began with a warm welcome from Martin-Leo Hansmann, setting the tone for what would be an exceptional learning experience. The day's sessions on "Head & Neck" and "Lymphomas," led by Dr Ann Sandison and Prof Martin-Leo Hansmann, respectively, were enlightening. The expertise of the speakers and their insights into diagnostic pathology greatly expanded my knowledge in these areas.

Moreover, the opportunity to network with fellow pathology trainees from diverse countries was invaluable. We engaged in insightful discussions about the varying approaches to pathology residency and reporting systems in different regions, broadening our perspectives and understanding of the field.

Friday:

The second day continued to impress with sessions on "Liver Pathology" led by Dr Uta Drebber and "Gastrointestinal Pathology" by Dr Alexander Quaas. These sessions were equally enlightening and further deepened my understanding of diagnostic pathology in these specific areas. The approach for setting the diagnostic plan was extremely helpful to know how to deal with such cases.

The lunch provided an opportunity for networking and sharing experiences with fellow attendees, fostering connections and camaraderie among us.

The evening social program, including the visit to the "Ludwig van Beethoven Haus" and the guided tour of Bonn, added a cultural dimension to the event, allowing us to appreciate the city's history and beauty.

Saturday:

The final day of the event was a highlight for me as I had the privilege of presenting my own research. I was filled with excitement and gratitude for this unique chance. The preceding session on "Immunohistochemistry" by Prof Arndt Hartmann was the perfect lead-in to my presentation. Importantly, the knowledge I gained from the previous days contributed significantly to my

confidence and ability to deliver a compelling presentation. Furthermore, the further case presentations by my colleagues showcased their remarkable talent and dedication.

The event concluded with a fruitful discussion and closing remarks, emphasizing the importance of continued collaboration and knowledge exchange in the field of pathology.

In conclusion, my experience at the 13th International Junior Academy was nothing short of extraordinary. I left with a wealth of knowledge, a network of international connections, and cherished memories of Bonn. This event has not only furthered my education but also inspired me to excel in my pathology residency and contribute to the field in meaningful ways.

Once again, I extend my sincere appreciation to the organizing committee, the distinguished speakers, and my fellow attendees for making this experience unforgettable. I look forward to future opportunities for collaboration and growth in the field of diagnostic pathology.

Thank you for this incredible opportunity.

Sincerely,

A pathology trainee and an assistant lecturer of Pathology, Menoufia University, Egypt