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## FINAL REPORT

I am Pauline Mae R. Dy, a fourth-year anatomic and clinical pathology resident physician from the Philippine General Hospital, Philippines. I was fortunately given the chance to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> International Junior Academy Summer School in Bordeaux, France last 3-5 July 2025, with a funding support from the Vladimir Totovic Foundation. It was a three-day event with several didactic lectures, social program and finally concluded by case presentations.

It was my first time to participate in this event. The topics chosen for this summer school were highly relevant and were commonly encountered in my daily work as a pathology resident. The discussion on the topics were excellent and practical, and I would be able to apply the learning points in my diagnosis. Since this an event designed for trainees, it helped me how to diagnose several entities as well as their most common pitfalls. It was also a good avenue review on the basics of several topics, particularly in grossing specimens. The speakers were the experts in their field, and it allowed us an opportunity to interact with them and ask questions.

The social program at the end of each day was also well-organized. The hotel chosen as the venue for the summer school was convenient and with easy access to several key locations within the city center. The food and the hospitality was exceptional as well. All our needs were catered to. I appreciate that we were able to go around and tour several destinations within the city. We were able to experience the best of what Bordeaux has to offer.

Finally, the case presentations on the last day gave us an opportunity to present our own cases and learn from the experts. It was great seeing other trainees present and it made learning from each other a very good experience. We were able to put into practice what we have learned during the school. It was a good opportunity to meet other trainees who also share the same enthusiasm for the field and exchange our ideas.

Ultimately, I am most grateful to the Vladimir Totovic Foundation for providing the bursary for me to participate in the event. These bursaries allow trainees from underserved countries to participate in these summer schools by providing a substantial contribution to the travel expenses. It was truly a memorable learning experience, and I hope to be able to apply and share my learnings to my colleagues soon. I will recommend this event to my colleagues so that they too would be able to participate in the future iterations of this event.