

The 16th International Junior Academy

Padua, Italy

I had the honor of attending the Junior Academy's Summer Conference held in Padua, Italy. The conference featured several sessions, each addressing significant and engaging topics. As a representative from a developing country, I found it particularly enlightening to learn about the latest technologies implemented in diagnostic processes in our neighboring countries. This experience has motivated me to thoroughly study these processes and aspire to implement them in my own country in the future.



The first day of the conference began with sessions held in an extraordinary place steeped in centuries of history — **Palazzo Bo**, where Galileo Galilei himself once taught. The atmosphere of this historic building made the beginning of the conference particularly memorable.

The presentations themselves were equally interesting and informative. One presentation that particularly stood out to me was the professor's talk on **"Diagnostic Approach to Mesenchymal Tumors."** As the professor himself noted, it is, of course, impossible to fully master the diagnostic approach to mesenchymal tumors in just one hour. Nevertheless, the presentation was extremely informative and practical, and I gained many valuable approaches that I plan to actively apply in my future diagnostic practice.



The second day of the conference was even more enriching, with five outstanding and highly informative presentations covering a wide range of topics in modern pathology. Each lecture offered valuable insights into different areas of diagnostic and molecular pathology.

Among the presentations that particularly caught my attention were “Molecular Pathology of the Lung” by Reinhard Büttner, “Prostate Diagnostics” by Glen Kristiansen and “Approach to Biopsy Diagnosis in the Pancreatobiliary Tract” by Irene Esposito. The discussions encompassed both foundational knowledge and more intricate topics, all conducted in an interactive format that encouraged open dialogue. Participants were able to freely share their opinions and receive valuable feedback.

The third day of the conference was equally interesting and inspiring, as it gave us the opportunity to listen to presentations delivered by young pathologists and pathology residents. It was especially motivating to see colleagues at the beginning of their professional journeys confidently present their clinical cases.

These presentations demonstrated not only a high level of knowledge and enthusiasm but also the importance of supporting and encouraging the next generation of pathologists. The exchange of ideas and experiences made the day particularly engaging and memorable.



In addition to the engaging scientific sessions, we also had the opportunity to connect with one another in a more informal setting. These moments allowed us to get to know the other participants better, exchange experiences, and enjoy the unique atmosphere of Padua together.

The city tour was a particularly memorable part of the programme. Exploring the charming streets of this small yet historically rich city gave us the opportunity to discover its remarkable cultural heritage and appreciate the beauty and history of Padua beyond the conference venue. Sharing these experiences together made the entire programme even more enjoyable and unforgettable.

I would like to express my gratitude to the German Division of the IAP and the Vladimir Totović Foundation, which enabled me to attend and actively participate in this remarkable conference. This experience allowed me to deepen my understanding of my profession and connect with individuals who are driving innovation and progress in our field. I would also like to extend my special thanks to the organizers and Mrs. Martina Schmidt for their warm welcome and for orchestrating such extraordinarily well-organized meetings. I eagerly anticipate future gatherings.



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