

Final report – Valeriia Kolotusha, Ukraine

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the organizers of the 16th International Junior Academy for allowing me to participate in this excellent Summer School in Padua, Italy. As a 6th-year medical student who is interested in pathology, this was a very valuable and inspiring experience.

During the three days, I attended lectures given by well-known international experts. The topics included gastrointestinal pathology, lung pathology, breast pathology, prostate pathology, melanocytic tumors, mesenchymal tumors, and pancreatobiliary pathology. The lectures were clear, practical, and based on real clinical cases, which helped me better understand modern diagnostic approaches in pathology.

One of the most interesting parts of the course was the oral case presentation session. It was very useful to see challenging cases presented by young colleagues from different countries and to discuss them with experienced pathologists. These discussions improved my diagnostic thinking and showed the importance of teamwork and continuous learning.

The Summer School also gave me the opportunity to meet participants from many countries. We shared our experiences, discussed our education and future careers, and made new professional connections. The friendly atmosphere encouraged open communication and made the learning process even more enjoyable. According to the organizers, the meeting brought together participants from 12 countries, creating an excellent international environment.

In addition to the scientific program, I enjoyed the social activities, including the guided tour of Padua and the group dinners. These events allowed us to continue discussions outside the lecture hall and learn more about Italian culture.

This Summer School strengthened my interest in pathology and motivated me to continue improving my knowledge and practical skills. I believe that the knowledge I gained will be very helpful in my future medical career, and I will share this experience with my colleagues at my university.

I am very grateful for the bursary support, which made my participation possible. Thank you to the German Division of the International Academy of Pathology, the Vladimir Totović Foundation, and all organizers and speakers for their hard work and dedication. This was an unforgettable educational experience, and I highly recommend the International Junior Academy to other young doctors and medical students interested in pathology