

AMP 2018 International Trainee Travel Award

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The Travel Award enabled me to attend the AMP 2018 Annual Meeting and to experience my first molecular pathology conference. The AMP 2018 Annual Meeting provided excellent opportunities to engage and learn more about fully integrated clinical research that is conducted alongside the basic science research.

Especially talks about monitoring response and resistance with plasma cell free DNA were highly educational. Additionally, learning how pancreatic cancer organoids can predict drug sensitivity was of great value to me, since I have worked a lot with 3D-organotypic co-cultures the past year. Vendor exhibits provided various insights into new technologies, moving the field to rapid in situ testing as well as improved patient bedside testing.

The poster sessions, provided the opportunity to exchange knowledge and learn about workflows in other molecular laboratories that will influence the research landscape in terms of personalized medicine. Discussing our work with experienced researchers was fantastic and has benefitted me in directing my project in new and exciting directions, and hopefully forged future collaborations with.

Sessions about financial reimbursement of NGS testing in a clinical setting highlighted the burden that is closely linked to rapidly emerging technologies and demonstrated, how molecular pathologists and clinicians are collaborating to manage these challenges in the future.

I would like to thank the AMP committee for giving me the great support that enabled me to participate in this highly educational conference and to present my work entitled “Clinically Integrated Molecular Diagnostics in Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma” as a poster. This conference was a fantastic opportunity to network and further my interests; I greatly look forward to attending the next AMP Meeting.