

The day of 31st May can be felt like a festival for cytology lovers from Europe (and according to participants countries of origin even outside): 3rd EFCS webinar gathered more than 600 hundreds participants to listen 2 talks and 4 case presentations on Head and Neck Cytology. The organizing societies were British Association for Cytopathology and Finnish Society of Clinical Cytology. Organizing team members were Danijela Vrdoljak-Mozetic, Ashish Chandra and Ivana Kholová. Scientific Committee consisted of two UK representatives: Ashish Chandra and David Poller and two Finnish representatives: Ivana Kholová and Jussi Tarkkanen.

The first talk by David Poller covered elegantly 3rd Edition of The Bethesda System for Reporting Thyroid Cytopathology, that will be issued in July this year. It was nicely mirrored to British System. Ivana Kholová focused on role of cell blocks in salivary gland diagnostics, so following discussion included also ancillary techniques in salivary gland cytology.

Two cases covered thyroid lesions and two cases covered salivary gland entities. UK presenters were Josephine Wright and Shonali Natu both presenting challenging and rare thyroid tumors.

Finnish colleagues Jetta Kelppe and Eliisa Viljanen showed salivary gland pearls: nodular fasciitis and sebaceous lymphadenoma.

In addition to education, we as speakers and lecturers had a great time. There was still space for Her majesty Queen, English gentleman, fish and chips, and British football as things that comes to mind about Britain. It was sauna on lake shore, forests, polar day, and night with Aurora Borealis, that are typical features of Finland.

Yes, cytology is rocking! It was a great three hours of cytology education, beauty of cells and cytology community friendship.

The webinar is available on EFCS website.

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