

ESP Advanced Training Centre for Dermatopathology

Leuven, Belgium

The University hospital of Leuven, founded in 1080, is a centre of excellence in Belgium and a reference centre for second opinions in Pathology. Each pathologist is specialized in one specific discipline, for a total of 13 Pathologists as permanent staff members holding at the same time an academic position in the University of Leuven (KUL).

On top of training the residents and teaching at the Faculty of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, all the staff members are daily involved in research projects coming from the research laboratory associated with the department (Laboratory for Translational Tissue and Cell Research), from other laboratories at KUL or from external collaborators, both at national and international level.

Overview of the number of cases seen in 2020:

- Histology: 42198
- Cytology: 27951 (20350 of which PAP tests)
- Autopsies: 133
- Frozen sections: 5855
- Consults: 1482
- Clinical trials: 9767

1. Name of the centre, address:

Department of Pathology, UZ Leuven

Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven, Belgium

2. Chair of the centre:

prof. dr. Birgit Weynand (Head of the Pathology Department)

3. Head of the training programme:

prof. dr. Francesca Maria Bosisio (dermatopathology)

4. Details about specific areas in which training can be offered (particular method, field of subspecialty – e.g. kidney transplantation):

Diagnostic dermatopathology

5. Number of positions offered for each year, expected duration of the training:

1/year, 3-6 months

6. Specific periods of the year when the visit may be realised (should be defined in direct contact between the centre of excellence and the applicant):

365/365, to be discussed with the applicant according to the specific discipline

7. Contact address for requesting details by the applicant (accommodation options, travel possibilities etc.): secretariat.pathologie@uzleuven.be

We hereby declare that our department will:

- Not charge for training
- Assist in finding low-cost accommodation
- Assist in obtaining the necessary visa, insurance, or other documents
- Provide trainees with a detailed certificate describing their work after completion of their training.
- Agree upon the duration and aim of training beforehand
- Send the applicant a Letter of invitation.