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The IASLC World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC) 2024 took place in San Diego, USA, where researchers, oncologists, and experts gathered to discuss advancements in lung cancer research, diagnosis, and therapy. It was the first time I attended an international conference like the WCLC, and it was an inspiring experience. Multiple sessions were dedicated to recent advances in immunotherapy and current evidence for the benefits of neoadjuvant, perioperative, and adjuvant therapy in lung cancer. Now that immunotherapy is integrated into the treatment of lung cancer at different stages of the disease, it was great to be updated on the latest developments and clinical results, which will inform my research into why patients respond to certain therapies at a more cellular and immunological level. Some sessions focused on tumor biology, covering both preclinical and translational research. I was selected for an oral presentation in one of these sessions. After my presentation, I received pointed questions and valuable feedback, which will help me finalize my project. Overall, attending the WCLC was a wonderful experience and made me realize the importance of focusing on the clinical relevance of my research and emphasizing its translational aspect.