

Thank you very much to the ICPI Board for selecting me as one of the recipients of the ICPI Trainee Travel Award for the CAP'08 Conference in San Diego. As a resident delegate from the University of Maryland, I attended the CAP Residents' Forum prior to the start of the CAP '08 Conference. At the Residents' Forum meeting I had the pleasure of discussing how various pathology programs throughout the country conduct rotations and conferences with their residents. Also, I had the opportunity to voice my opinions on how I think the world of pathology is evolving and what we need to do to remain competitive and knowledgeable about the latest technological advances in the field. It was interesting to hear different points of view on the subject matter discussed during the day's events.

The lectures available during the week were incredibly informative ranging from pitfalls in diagnoses to innovative usage of molecular techniques. I particularly enjoyed the lecture entitled "Pancreatic Lesions: From Fine Needle to Sharp Scalpel" which helped further my education in diagnosing pancreatic lesions on both FNA and surgical specimens.

In addition to attending the Residents' Forum and various conferences throughout the week, I presented two abstracts entitled "Cytologic Diagnosis of Paraesophageal Ganglioneuroma" and "Clear Cell Sarcoma of Soft Tissue Metastatic to the Ovaries." I enjoyed participating in the poster sessions and having the opportunity to review my colleagues' abstracts as well.

Overall, the CAP '08 Conference in San Diego was a very educational and enjoyable experience which I am very grateful to have had.