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RE: ICPI Trainee Travel Award

Dear Dr. Mark Sobel and ICPI Board,

Thank you for the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI) Trainee Travel Award that helped provide support for me to attend the annual American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) meeting at Experimental Biology in San Diego, California. This travel award was instrumental in making this important meeting possible for me to attend.

I presented an abstract entitled 'Global histone H3 lysine 4 methylation patterns in human breast cancer' orally and also co-chaired the *Genetics and Epigenetics of Cancer Progression and Angiogenesis* session. This experience was extremely important for networking and for my professional development. I enjoyed the opportunity to talk about my new research project and receive encouragement as well as new ideas. Co-chairing the session provided me with the opportunity to meet the investigators, ask questions, and practice introducing speakers. My research expands into other fields in addition to pathology, and it was great to attend some of the other society meetings and pick up ideas that will help my research project progress.

In addition to the research learning opportunities that the meeting at Experimental Biology has provided, it is truly an honor to be a part of the ASIP Program Committee. It is such a great experience to be involved in the program planning and organization. Not only does it provide the opportunity for me to meet pathology investigators within ASIP, it allows me to develop professionally through contacting researchers in my field to come and present at the ASIP annual meeting. I am looking forward to my continued participation on the ASIP Program Committee.

Thank you again for the trainee travel award. The ASIP annual meeting at Experimental Biology is an invaluable experience and extremely beneficial for my career development.

Sincerely,

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