

Dear board members of the ICPI,

I enjoyed and benefited a lot from my attendance at the 2008 USCAP annual meeting in Denver, CO. The ICPI travel award made my trip possible and is very much appreciated.

I presented my poster at USCAP. Many attendees of the meeting were very interested in our study on clinicopathologic correlation of MRI guided breast core biopsy. Several of them praised our work, since it is the first of its kind in US. One clinician even asked for assistance in setting up an MRI guided breast core biopsy service for his hospital in Italy. It is a fruitful abstract presentation for me.

I also gained very much from the short courses and companion society meetings. The faculty members lectured on current updates on various diseases, as well as most common difficult cases in real practice. I had the fortune of actively interacting with some of them. Attending those lectures significantly improved my diagnostic skills. I would like to do so in future USCAP meetings.

The last, I reconnected with old friends and colleagues, and made new friends in the field of my interest. We even established one collaborative project during the meeting. My senior resident, now a fellow, shared her insights and experiences in fellowship application and job hunting, which surely will benefit my career development in a near future.

I thank the board for offering this award, and would strongly encourage my friends and colleagues to take advantage of this opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

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PS, attached please find my recent photo. The receipts have been mailed to you early this week.

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