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Dr. Sobel and Members of the ICPI Board,

Thank you very much for the generous ICPI Trainee Travel Award to attend the Association for Molecular Pathology, (AMP), 2009 Annual Meeting in Kissimmee, Florida, November 19-22. The learning experience was invaluable, and I enjoyed myself immensely.

While attending the meeting, I was grateful for the opportunity to present an abstract and discuss ideas/research with my peers as well as experts in the fields of Molecular Pathology and Diagnostics. A wealth of new ideas was exchanged for future research projects, and I appreciated the input from all attendees. I also learned a great deal from the workshops and plenary sessions that featured experts in molecular testing in the fields of Hematopathology, Solid Tumors, and Infectious Disease. The discussion from audience members after each session afforded the opportunity to understand how scientists from other regions of the country, (and the world), perform molecular testing in their practice. As well, one of the many highlights of the meeting was the opportunity to attend the trainee luncheon where trainees were able to pose questions to a panel of experts and mentors in Molecular Pathology. The advice from the panel members was invaluable, and will help direct my future career endeavors in Molecular Pathology.

In summary, the 2009 AMP Annual Meeting was a great success and I am very grateful I was able to attend with the generous help from the ICPI. I look forward to future meetings, and will look for the opportunity to help trainees enjoy the same experience upon completion of my own training in the future.

Sincerely,

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