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It was my great pleasure and excitement to attend the 2009 USCAP Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts as a recipient of the ICPI Trainee Travel Award. During first two days of the meeting, I attended multiple companion meetings on a variety of subspecialties, which include Breast Pathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology, and Genitourinary Pathology. Those lectures provided invaluable information about diagnostic challenges, current consensus of experts on multiple issues, and innovative research projects that may affect future practice in Pathology.

On the third and fourth day, I presented my two posters regarding analysis of prognostic markers in invasive and in-situ ductal carcinoma of the breast with the titles of "Molecular characterization of DCIS by immunohistochemistry; correlation with histologic grade, Ki-67, Bcl-2 and p53 expression" and "Comparative analysis of p53 expression in triple negative versus non-triple negative invasive breast cancers". Interaction with multiple people during the poster sessions was not only enjoyable but also very informative in that many questions and comments that I had will be incorporated and reflected in our projects as we finalize them. I was also able to develop more questions and insights on many different subjects related with my research projects. Besides the scientific aspects of the meeting, I also enjoyed the nice weather, great food, and meeting with pathologists from all around the world.

With my sincere respect, I would like to thank ICPI for the travel award that helped me to attend one of the most wonderful, exciting, and educational meetings in the field of Pathology. I wish to continue to participate in this meeting in future and hope that many other trainees will be able to have a chance like this with the support from ICPI.

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