

CAP09 meeting report:

As a recipient of the ICPI Trainee Travel Award, I was able to attend 2009 annual meeting of College of American Pathologist (CAP) in Washington DC. I was presenting a poster “primary heterologous carcinosarcoma (malignant mixed mesodermal tumor) of vulva: clinicopathologic study of a case” and discussed with residents and practicing pathologists about the rare presentation and possible future research direction. It was an great opportunity to attend different education courses including : Ovarian Carcinomas and Tumors of Low Malignant Potential: A Practical Review; A Dozen Diagnostic Dilemmas of the Cervix and Endometrium; Gray Areas in Contemporary Urologic Surgical Pathology: Incipient Neoplasia and Tumors of Borderline Malignancy—An Integrative Morphological, Immunohistochemical, and Molecular Approach; Mimickers in Breast Pathology, etc al. These courses actually expand my knowledge in different approach for these grays areas that always challenge in my daily signout. The meeting was also a great networking opportunity, which allowed me to meet other residents and practicing pathologists working in different setting. The discussion with practicing pathologists let me know their daily practice and their expectation for a new graduated pathologist.

In summary, I truly enjoyed 2009 CAP annual meeting and the IVPI Trainee Travel Award helped to make it possible. Thanks.

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