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Dear Dr. Sobel,

I am writing this letter to express my immense appreciation and thanks to you and the ICPI board for honoring me with the ICPI Trainee Travel Award earlier this year. The award helped me offset the cost for attending the 15th American Society for Molecular Pathology (AMP) annual meeting at Kissimmee, FL from Nov. 19-22, 2009.

The meeting was excellent in its educational content and was academically stimulating. The didactics in the course, the cutting-edge plenary lecture and concurrent sessions offered real-time updates in various fields of molecular pathology that will serve me greatly in my future practice and as I prepare for the Board. I especially enjoyed the trainee lunch with experts since it allowed a one-on-one brainstorming and gave me new ideas for achieving my career goals both from the experts and my fellow trainees from other institutions. The new technologies and equipment displayed in the products show was a wonderful glimpse into the rapid advances and engineering innovations that will help us use our time more efficiently. The evening receptions provided me with the opportunity to meet with old and new friends.

This was the first time that I attended the AMP meeting. It was a great experience and I will surely be a regular fixture in the future. Thank you once again for your support.

Best regards!

Sincerely,

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