

Attending the 2009 AMP meeting was very important for me because it provided the opportunity to present research I had done during my MGP fellowship, as well as meet and interact with other clinicians and researchers. Furthermore, AMP provides an outstanding educational experience allowing one to keep up with the latest developments in molecular diagnostic testing and research, as well as learn about new technologies and get hands on exposure to new equipment. This year's AMP meeting had a workshop to help prepare for CAP inspections, which was also an excellent educational opportunity. The ICPI Travel Award went a long way to helping me attend the 2009 AMP meeting by subsidizing a significant portion of my travel expenses. As a second year MGP fellow who is in the process of transitioning to a junior faculty position, I felt that it was particularly important for me to attend this year's AMP meeting- I was able to make valuable connections with peers at various stages in their careers. This will be extremely helpful as I begin my own independent career next summer.