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Dear Dr. Sobel and Members of the ICPI Board,

I would like to thank the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information for selecting me as one of the recipients of the ICPI Trainee Travel Award that assisted my attendance to the 2009 ACVP Annual Meeting in Monterey, California.

During the conference I presented a case of pancytopenia in a dog secondary to estrogen-induced marrow toxicity. It was of great satisfaction to discuss about my case with other residents and pathologists and to realize that my presentation helped many of them in differentiating acute leukemia from benign myeloid proliferations, two diagnoses that have a completely different outcome.

This meeting also provided a great learning opportunity and motivation for future scientific research and study. I attended several educational sessions ranging from hematology and clinical pathology of fish to membrane transporters. Some of these topics are not available in the current literature yet and those lectures will be greatly beneficial to my clinical pathology training.

The case discussion sessions were at very high level and I believe they improved my diagnostic awareness and skill. The poster presentations and exhibits were also excellent and allowed me to meet and actively interact with prominent pathologists from across the country. I also reconnected with old friends and colleagues as well as I met new ones that can play an important role in my future career and in the progression of my research projects.

The ACVP Annual Meeting was a great experience that I believe to be fundamental for my career development. Thank you again for your generous support.

Sincerely,

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