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Dear Dr. Sobel and the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information:

Thank you for the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information Travel award. This was beneficial in providing me with the opportunity to attend the 2010 American Society for Clinical Pathology annual meeting on October 27-31, 2010, in San Francisco, California.

This meeting was phenomenal with excellent exposure to educational topics in hematopathology from world-renowned experts in the field. The educational quality of the hematopathology lectures was superb and provided a great deal of up-to-date hematopathologic, diagnostic criteria and cutting-edge research topics. Furthermore, this provided me with a chance to meet hematopathology fellowship directors and renowned hematopathologists during my application period for the hematopathology fellowship positions starting in 2012. I had a great opportunity to meet with fellowship directors and hear them lecture, which allowed me to assess their teaching ability and learn about their research interests prior to applying to their programs. Thus, the networking opportunities were excellent and highly productive.

Additionally, this award provided me an opportunity to share some of my own research experiences with my fellow residents and pathologists in the form of research poster presentations. I also had the opportunity to learn from my resident colleagues and other practicing pathologists about their research. Also, I met and heard about the research advances of a famous Nobel Laureate Harald zur Hausen, MD, DSc (Hon), MDs (Hon), regarding "The Search for Infectious Agents in Human Cancers."

Thus, the 2010 American Society for Clinical Pathology meeting served as a meeting with great educational value that provided an opportunity for the exchange of intellectual ideas among colleagues. Therefore, this was a remarkable educational and professional experience and a grand example of a true academic meeting in the field of pathology. Thank you for your financial support that enabled me to attend this transformational academic event, which has already started to benefit my future career as an academic hematopathologist.

Sincerely,

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