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Dear Dr. Sobel and Committee,

I would like to thank the ICPI Board for selecting me as one of the 2010 recipients of the ICPI Trainee Travel Award. Your generous award greatly assisted my attendance to the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists (ACVP) in Baltimore, Maryland, October 30<sup>th</sup> - November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As a third-year anatomic pathology resident it was especially critical that I attend this year's ACVP annual meeting in order to network with other veterinary professionals and showcase my research. In the Diagnostic Pathology Focused Scientific Session, I presented both a platform and poster presentation on "Garden Hose Scalding Syndrome (GHS)", a syndrome characterized by 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree thermal burns along the dorsum of dogs that have been hosed-off with hot water from a garden hose that has been lying in the sun. All the attendees seemed to enjoy learning about this unique syndrome and, in fact, demonstrated their appreciation by awarding me with the AAVLD/ACVP Diagnostic Pathology Travel Award as well as the Young Investigator Award (1<sup>st</sup> place) in Diagnostic Pathology.

Attending this year's ACVP annual meeting also provided me with countless opportunities to interact with other veterinary pathologists and participate in interviews with prospective employers. The lectures, discussions, mystery slide sessions and exam reviews were very interesting and introduced me to important concepts or "hot topics" that may be emphasized on next year's ACVP certifying examination.

My attendance to the 61<sup>st</sup> annual ACVP meeting was a wonderful experience that benefited me both personally and professionally. The recognition I received at this meeting, the information I learned, and the valuable connections I made were possible thanks to your generosity and will likely enhance my future successes as a veterinary pathologist. Thank you again for this incredible honor.

Sincerely,

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