

March 13, 2011

Intersociety Council for Pathology Information, Inc.
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814

Re: ICPI Trainee Travel Award

Dear ICPI board,

I had the most wonderful experience at the recent 100th annual USCAP meeting in San Antonio, TX. It was my first time attending this international pathology conference. Thanks to the ICPI travel award, I was able to stay for an extended period of time and enjoy the many educational activities that the conference has to offer.

I presented three of my posters titled 'Clear Cell Papillary Renal Cell Carcinoma: Clinicopathologic, Immunohistochemical, and Cytogenetic Analysis.', 'Post Treatment High Ki67 Expression Level (>10%) Is Significantly Associated with Distant Metastasis in Triple-Negative Breast Carcinomas Treated with Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy Followed by Surgery.' and 'Renal Cell Carcinoma with Extensive Clear Cell Component and Papillary Architecture: Value of Immunohistochemistry.' at the conference. I was excited to see my study on clear cell papillary renal cell carcinoma being cited by Dr. Tickoo, a renowned GU pathologist, at one of the subsequent GU pathology sessions.

My other activities at the conference included attending GI companion/specialty meetings, meeting pathology colleagues from all over the country and going to the fellowship fair. With the help of the ICPI travel award, I also benefited from a long course in cytopathology and a short course in GI biopsy diagnosis. Attending the USCAP conference also helped me to refine my career interest in gastrointestinal and genitourinary pathology. Overall, it has been a truly valuable educational experience for me.

Thanks again,

Sincerely,

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