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Intersociety Council for Pathology Information, Inc.
Attn: Donna Stivers
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814-3993

Dear ICPI Board,

I was very fortunate to receive a travel award from the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information Inc. (ICPI) in order to attend the 2012 USCAP annual meeting in Vancouver, BC, which took place this March. The stipend provided was very generous and helpful and without it I would not have been able to make it.

I had previously attended the USCAP meeting once in San Antonio last year, where I had the opportunity to experience what this great conference has to offer young trainees and I was very eager to repeat the experience. The USCAP meeting provides educational courses, workshops, networking functions, and platform and poster presentations of the highest level which cover all fields of pathology. Furthermore it is a chance to meet with pioneers of the field from all over the world and reconnect with familiar faces you have encountered during your career.

During the conference I also presented two posters entitled "Correlation of O-GlcNAc modification components and EMT/Stem cell markers in lung adenocarcinoma" and "Prognostic value of O-GlcNAc modification and its related enzymes in lung adenocarcinoma". The feedback that my co-authors and I received was very valuable and helpful in our pursuit to further develop our projects. Our research delves into the field of tumor glycobiology which is a new and emerging topic in pathology and it was a great opportunity to share and discuss our findings with our colleagues.

I would like to thank you again for your financial support. It was a very valuable experience both educationally and professionally and I definitely encourage other residents and fellows to also apply for this award.

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