

Thanks to the ICPI's generosity in awarding me a travel grant, I was able to attend the College of American Pathologists 2012 Annual Meeting.

This meeting was particularly beneficial to me as I am writing my boards this year and attended many of the excellent courses which are provided free of charge to residents after paying a low registration fee. The courses were all given by excellent speakers who are experts in their field. They were concise, organized by organ systems, practical, and targeted toward the daily practice of the average community pathologist, which made them the ideal format for reviewing for board exams. Lecture notes and presentations were also helpfully provided ahead of time to help with note taking. A residents-only virtual microscopy session also allowed for great review and seeing rare entities which we may not have encountered before. The residents only format allowed for asking of "stupid" questions that residents may be embarrassed to ask in a forum attended by all pathologists, but actually enhance the learning experience for all.

The meeting also held a fellowship fair which allowed me valuable networking time with fellows and faculty of my future program and to discuss research opportunities. It also allowed our own department to promote our fellowship programs to American applicants who are less aware of Canadian programs.

Overall, this was one of the best pathology meetings I have attended to date and I will not hesitate to recommend this meeting and promote the ICPI's excellent travel award to other residents.

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