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Intersociety Council for Pathology Information
Attn: Donna Stivers
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Dear ICPI Board members

I would like to use this opportunity to thank you for awarding me the Travel Grant, which helped me to attend the 101th USCAP meeting at Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada from March 17-23, 2012.

I am currently at the third year Pathology Resident, who will be pursuing Gastrointestinal pathology fellowship, so during this USCAP I mainly focused on gastrointestinal, hepatology and pancreas. During this meet, I got a chance to attend numerous interesting and controversial topics presented by the most recognized pathologists in these fields. Plentiful platform presentations and posters gave me some ideas for my future projects. I also had the opportunity to discuss the Gastrointestinal pathology job market with some of the practicing pathologists. Their input was very valuable since I will start looking for a job fairly soon.

Along with this meeting greatly enriched my knowledge in several other areas of pathology, particularly molecular pathology, genitourinary and gynecologic pathology with the latest updates which will definitely benefit me to prepare for my boards

In summary, this USCAP meeting was great educational and professional experience that will definitely help me in my future career as a Gastrointestinal pathologist.

Finally, it was exciting to meet and connect with many practicing pathologists and laboratory medicine residents and fellows, with different experiences and backgrounds, both through proffered presentations, and during the social activities such as the residents' symposium and College of American Pathology (CAP) Residents Forum,.

Thank you once again for your financial support to pathology trainees.

Sincerely,

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