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

Dear Dr. Sobel and the ICPI Board members,

I would like to use this opportunity to thank you for awarding me the ICPI Trainee Travel Award, which allowed me to attend the Experimental Biology annual meeting in San Diego, CA from April 21-25, 2012.

I am a third year graduate student pursuing a Ph.D. degree in toxicology. Currently, I'm studying liver pathology and autophagy, so I mainly attended liver and autophagy sessions at the Experimental Biology meeting. Also, I presented a poster on my research entitled "Modulation of Autophagy by Bile Acids in Hepatocytes and Liver" at Die Schadenklub, a poster session and reception specializing in the cellular injury field. I also discussed my research at the autophagy symposium. I received some excellent questions and feedback regarding my research.

The meeting broadened my knowledge of liver pathologies and their mechanisms. Furthermore, I was able to network with well-known scientists as well as meet my peers and discuss our research. More excitingly, I networked with possible mentors for a postdoctoral career who specialize in either liver pathology or autophagy research.

Thank you again for your generous support, which gave me the opportunity to attend the Experimental Biology annual meeting.

Sincerely,

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