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ICPI Board Members,

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for the ICPI Trainee Travel Award. This award made it possible to attend the 2012 AMP meeting in Long Beach, CA. I had a wonderful and productive experience that could not have been possible without this award.

I am currently finishing up my graduate school work in Molecular and Cellular Pathology at the University of Michigan. I was very interested in attending this meeting as a career in Molecular Diagnostics is my current ambition. At the meeting, I was able to attend powerful seminars and network with leaders in the field. I was able to talk to many people about the role of the PhD in the clinical molecular lab. My conversations not only increased my enthusiasm for this career path, but allowed me invaluable networking opportunities with fellowship directors and lab directors. I also had the opportunity to present some of my thesis work in a poster format. This was a great opportunity to share my work, fine tune my presentation skills, and gain new perspectives on my experiments. I received a lot of good feedback that will help to shape the future directions of my project.

These opportunities and experiences were made possible with this award. I commend the ICPI on its commitment to trainees and encourage the same level of support in the future.

Thank You,

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