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Intersociety Council for Pathology Information  
9650 Rockville Pike  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear ICPI Board members,

I am treating this as an honor to thank the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information for granting me the Trainee Travel Award, which enabled me to attend the 2012 ASCP annual meeting. The stipend was indeed helpful with a relatively high cost of the conference held in a big city like Boston.

I am currently the second year Pathology Resident, who is interested in academic pathology. My abstract titled "*An anaplastic carcinoma of liver – a possible poorly differentiated primary hepatic cholangiocarcinoma*" was presented as a poster at the 2012 annual meeting of ASCP.

During this meeting I had a chance to listen many internationally acclaimed experts on several topics of pathology particularly gastrointestinal pathology, molecular pathology, hematopathology, cytopathology, bone and soft tissue pathology and many on other topics. I also attended plentiful platform and poster presentations that gave me some ideas for my future projects. These meeting also had many sessions especially prepared for residents like "The art of scientific writing and manuscript review", "Ethical Dilemmas Facing Physician-in-Training", resident review courses and many others. These greatly helped me to strengthen my educational foundation, to select right career path and to prepare for board exams.

Finally, it was a wonderful experience to meet and network with other residents and fellows around the nation, and to discuss challenges common to us such as future job appointments, challenges in academic career, mentorship etc.

In summary, this meeting was a valuable educational and professional experience that will definitely help me in my future career as an academic pathologist. I thank you again for awarding this grant which helped the financial aspect to attend the meet.

Sincerely,

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