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Intersociety Council for Pathology Information

Attn: Donna Stivers

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Dear ICPI Board,

I would like to extend my gratitude for being chosen as an ICPI Trainee Travel Award recipient. With this award, I was able to attend the American Society for Investigative Pathology annual meeting at Experimental Biology 2012 in San Diego, California. This was my first international conference, and an extremely valuable experience for my academic and personal development.

As part of the session titled "Cell Junctions and Signaling" I was given an opportunity to present my research titled "Altered colonic barrier function and paracellular permeability in *Muc2*^{-/-} mice." The questions I received following my presentation, as well as the networking connections I made with researchers in similar fields, will directly influence the direction and progression of my project. I am extremely grateful I had the opportunity to meet scientists at the forefront of my field, attend their presentations, and hear from their students about the ongoing research in their labs.

The Career Resource Centre was an exceptionally helpful resource offered at the conference that I took advantage of between sessions. The information I learned about careers in science, and the tools I was shown to critically evaluate myself, will help me continue to grow into a research scientist.

I am very thankful for this entire experience that was greatly enhanced by the ICPI Trainee Travel Award. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Trusevych