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Dear Dr. Sobel and the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information:

My name is Benjamin H. Durham. I am the Hematopathology Fellow at the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine in Sacramento, California. Thank you for the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information Travel award. This was beneficial in providing me with the opportunity to attend the 2013 United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) annual meeting on March 2-8, 2013, in Baltimore, Maryland.

This meeting was phenomenal with excellent exposure to educational topics in hematopathology and molecular pathology from world-renowned experts in these fields. The educational quality of the molecular hematopathology short courses was superb. Furthermore, this provided me with a chance to meet and converse with renowned hematopathologists and molecular pathologists from both the national and international arenas. This was excellent because I am looking for jobs in the next few years, after I finish my second fellowship in molecular genetic pathology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and I got some leads on future employment opportunities at this meeting. Thus, the networking opportunities were excellent and highly productive.

Additionally, this award provided me with an opportunity to share some of my own research experiences with my fellow residents and pathologists in the form of a research poster presentation. I also had the opportunity to learn from my resident colleagues and other practicing pathologists about their research.

Therefore, this was a remarkable educational and professional experience and was my first opportunity to attend a USCAP annual meeting. Thank you for your financial support that enabled me to attend this transformational academic event, which has already started to benefit my future career as an academic hematopathologist and molecular pathologist.

Sincerely,

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