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Dear ICPI Board:

I would like to thank you for your sponsorship in attending the 2013 ASIP Centennial Conference. Despite the tragedies in Boston this past week, the conference was memorable and a success. This year's conference included workshops and sessions that were insightful and included life long tips and strategies. Attending this conference allowed me the opportunity to co-chair the graduate highlights session. This session was full of individuals who were both passionate and excited about their work. At the end of the session, Christopher Weber MD, PhD, gave a talk on his current work as a new independent scientist. Seeing his transition was motivating and assuring.

Another scientific session that I enjoyed immensely was the talk given by Debra Laskin PhD from Rutgers University. Her talk discussed the switch from M1 to M2 macrophages and how this switch can be both good and bad (the dark side). She also discussed the role of the microenvironment in contributing to this switch. Even though, she did not focus on my area of cancer, this talk was very intriguing and allowed me the opportunity to identify overlap with my current project in the lab, which has much similarity. Lastly, I enjoyed the workshop on "Dancing with Journals". A panel of scientists who have experience in publishing, editing etc., gave brief talks on scientific integrity and how to publish in a peer-reviewed journal. The information from the presentations was extremely helpful for young scientists like myself.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to attend this year's conference, as it was very historic from the sessions, workshops and centennial reception. I am very appreciative and have gained information and professional relationships that will benefit my career long term.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jac Jones-Triche', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

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