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Dear ICPI Board Members,

I feel extremely fortunate to have received the ICPI travel award for which I was able to attend the 2013 Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. As I am the current Molecular Genetic Pathology Fellow at the University of Chicago, this meeting was instrumental in both my personal and professional development.

This year's conference presented many opportunities to learn from both leaders in the field and upcoming leaders of the future. Both the clinical and research sessions were of high quality and I learned so much for attending both forums. As Next Generation Sequencing becomes a reality for most Molecular Pathology departments, this year's meeting focused much energy on sharing experiences regarding incorporating this new platform into the clinical realm. Learning how experts in the field negotiate this difficult task was inspiring. As I have also completed an Anatomic Pathology fellowship in GI and Liver Pathology, I very much enjoyed the session "Application of Molecular Diagnostics in Clinical Management of Neoplasia" where Dr. Sepulveda from Columbia University presented "Molecular Diagnostics of Gastrointestinal Tumors: Bread, Butter and Jelly". It was highly motivating to hear how Dr. Sepulveda incorporates both anatomic and molecular pathology in combination with exciting translational research.

As I mentioned above, this conference served as a platform for my future career development. I benefited tremendously from the ample opportunities for mentorship as well as the easy accessibility to get involved with volunteering within the association. AMP makes a great effort to incorporate junior members so that we can start taking leadership roles early.

Thank you again for providing your sponsorship to attend this incredible conference.

Best Regards,  
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