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Dear Dr. Sobel and ICPI committee,

I am grateful to the ICPI for kindly selecting me as one of the trainee travel award recipient to attend the 2013 American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) conference in Boston. I am a translational scientist and board-certified veterinary pathologist currently pursuing his PhD research at Cornell University Biomedical Sciences. So it was a great experience to attend the ASIP conference and participate in various sessions incorporating both comparative pathology work and translational research. One of the really interesting sessions I attended was the ACVP sponsored morning symposium session on heat shock protein biology. This was a comprehensive session with experts discussing how heat shock proteins regulate extracellular environment. I also learned from this symposium about the recent findings in the area of DAMPs (Damage Associated Molecular Patterns) which is related to my PhD thesis research. ASIP conference gave me various opportunities to network with other pathologists and scientists and initiate new collaborations.

I thank the ICPI committee for generously supporting this opportunity to attend the ASIP conference and I am honored to have been a ICPI trainee travel award recipient.

Sincerely,

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