

The opportunity to attend the annual meeting of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists was extremely instructive, and I learned something at every session I attended. I am fortunate to have attended this meeting early in the course of my residency, as I found the sessions on epigenetics, microRNA, and mitochondrial diseases particularly influential on my professional interests in cardiovascular pathology. I look forward to learning more about these mechanisms as I continue through my residency and beyond, as advancing our ability to identify and characterize these molecular changes holds potential for new diagnostic and therapeutic avenues. I greatly valued the poster sessions and learned tremendously from the variety and excellent quality of the many posters. I also took advantage of the variety of the session topics to ensure I have a well-rounded education beyond my favorite topics of the heart and target end organs – I particularly enjoyed the wonderful sessions on osteochondrosis and Schmallenberg virus, among many others. Thank you very much for this travel award, as the meeting was an invaluable experience for me.

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