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Dear Dr. Sobel and the ICPI Board,

I am grateful and honored to have received the 2013 ICPI Travel award, which helped me attend the 2013 Annual ASC meeting in Orlando, FL.

It was very exciting to be part of this meeting in which leading experts discussed diverse cytopathology topics. The multiple lectures, workshops, roundtable discussions, platforms and posters not only addressed challenges in diagnostic cytomorphology but also innovations and trends in pathology including updates on molecular testing on cytology specimens. One of my favorite sessions was the Diagnostic Cytology Seminar, where top Cytopathologists and Cytotechnologists led us through diagnostic challenges of unknown cases.

The ASC meeting was an invaluable networking opportunity where I interacted with top pathologists on both professional and personal levels.

I also enjoyed participating in The Career Session, where senior pathologists shared their experience on career planning and growth.

I was thrilled that three abstracts I co-authored were accepted for the Poster Session and one of them was flagged as noteworthy by the ASC Scientific Committee. My participation helped me enhance my presentation skills while the lectures provided an update on the latest developments in Cytopathology.

Overall, the ASC Annual Meeting was a valuable experience for my professional development and career and I am thankful for the generosity and support of the ICPI.

Sincerely,

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