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Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI)
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814

Re: ICPI Trainee Travel Award

Dear ICPI Board Members

I would like to thank the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information for giving me the Trainee Travel Award. This enabled me to attend the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) Annual Meeting at Baltimore MD from March 2-8 2013.

This has been an extremely rewarding experience both professionally and intellectually. I was able to present my research work entitled "*Molecular MicroRNA signatures of breast cancer with brain metastasis*" as the first author. This clinically important research hypothesis using a novel miRNA approach evoked considerable interest among the attendees. Several experts had valuable suggestions which I will incorporate in my future research endeavors. These will also be helpful in manuscript writing.

The meeting was an educational and scientific 'feast'. There were several educational sessions, courses and subspecialty conferences by eminent pathologists. These were extremely helpful in acquiring an in-depth knowledge of a variety of subjects. The meeting also provided a platform for interaction and networking with experts and colleagues from around the nation. Additionally there were Resident-focused symposia highlighting board preparations, future job appointments, challenges in academic career, mentorship etc.

In summary, this meeting was a valuable educational and professional experience that will definitely help me in my future career as an academic pathologist.

Thank you once again.
Sincerely,

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