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Dear ICPI Board,

Report on 2013 ASIP Experimental Biology Conference

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for being chosen as a recipient of the ICPI trainee travel award to attend and present my work at the 2013 ASIP experimental biology conference in Boston. This was my first international conference and I was excited to showcase my work to other scientists from all over the world. It was a valuable learning experience for me.

I had the opportunity to attend a number of seminars where scientists presented excellent reviews on very interesting topics and their current research. I especially learnt a lot on the talks on host-pathogen interactions, epithelial cell junctions and barrier regulation, endoplasmic reticulum stress, as well as cellular death and survival and their implications on various diseases. These seminars provided me with lots of ideas for my own project. I also enjoyed the exhibit area, where I got to talk to the company representatives on new products available. I attended the poster sessions and it was very helpful for me because I got to share ideas with students working in the same field.

My favourite part of the conference was when I presented a poster on my research titled 'High MUC2 production in goblet cells cause ER stress and susceptibility to apoptosis'. I was glad to have many people coming to look at my poster. I got lots of positive comments from professors working in the same subject area. Some suggested other experiments to do, and new techniques to use to improve my work. In addition to these, I also had the opportunity to explore the beautiful city of Boston.

Thank you very much for the support to attend this conference. It was a very rewarding experience for me.

Sincerely,

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