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Dear ICPI Board Members,

As the recipient of the ICPI Trainee Travel Award 2014, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the tremendous support that you have provided me through this award. I presented my work entitled “*Entamoeba histolytica* induces caspase-4 activation in inflammasome signalling” at the annual Experimental Biology conference in San Diego, California held on April 26 – 30, 2014. I was also given the honor and privilege to co-chair the ASIP Minisymposium Human Pathogen Interactions: Fungus and Protozoa.

Being a second year PhD student, it was an enlightening opportunity to attend seminars by top scientists in the field of pathology. I learned a lot about host-pathogen interactions, epithelial barrier regulation, and inflammasome signalling. I found that this international conference was a positive and supportive environment as it allowed for the sharing of scientific ideas with other students within pathology as well as in other areas including biochemistry and physiology. I received some encouraging feedback and networked with scientists across the world, which could lead to potential collaborations in the future. Additionally, I also took the time to talk to exhibitors and it was amazing to see the vast amount of resources and technology advancing scientific research.

Thank you very much for the support to attend this conference. This was a very rewarding experience for me and I hope that I will be able to attend this conference in the future with more exciting work to showcase.

Sincerely,

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