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Dear ICPI Board Members,

Thank you for supporting my travel to the 2014 ACVP annual meeting of the American College of Veterinary Pathology (ACVP) in Atlanta, GA. I am a Molecular Pathology Fellow in the Comparative Biomedical Scientist Training Program, a partnership with Purdue University and the National Institutes of Health. This meeting was both a rewarding and educational experience. I had the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues from veterinary school and my residency program. There were also a number of opportunities for me to network and build new relationships with pathologists in academia and in industry positions. The discussions that I had with pathologists from a variety of career paths were a very rewarding component of this meeting.

At this year's meeting I presented a poster entitled, "Characterization of the Functional Components of the Blood-Brain Barrier in Permeable and Impermeable Brain Metastases from Breast Cancer," which won a Young Investigator Award in experimental pathology. During the poster presentation I was able to discuss new ideas and approaches to benefit my research.

The presentations at this meeting were vast, ranging from talks in the diagnostic setting to current disease outbreaks like Ebola virus. I benefited from attending presentations in the experimental pathology section, which demonstrated the use of imaging in the cardiovascular system of laboratory animals, mainly two photon microscopy. I also enjoyed a presentation on transboundary diseases in the natural disease section. This presentation highlighted the need for us to approach infectious diseases from a global standpoint, even if they are not affecting our own environment. Other highlights of the meeting included the neuropathology mystery slide seminary and the diagnostic pathology platform presentations.

I enjoyed attending the ACVP meeting, because it provided the opportunity for immersion in diagnostic, experimental, natural disease, and Toxicologic pathology in a matter of days.

Thank you again for supporting my travel to this engaging, educational, and dynamic meeting!

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