

March 26, 2015  
Intersociety Council for Pathology Information  
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Dear ICPI Board members,

Thank you so much for selecting me as one of the recipients of the ICPI Trainee Travel Award. It was a great privilege to receive sponsorship for my visit to the 104<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology at Boston from March 21-27, 2015.

I had two poster presentations as first author, on March 23, 2015, which included:

1. miRNA Expression Profiles of Gastrointestinal Neuroendocrine Tumors for Different Sites and Stages.
2. Evaluation Of In-Service Training Of Residents And Fellows For Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) Biopsy On Phantom Lesions

It was an excellent opportunity to display and discuss my research endeavors. The feedback, input, critiques and queries received from experts and peers are invaluable. The experience will enhance the quality of manuscripts to follow. The interactions present additional challenges and will be beneficial in future ventures. I learned a great deal from the poster and platform presentations presented by scholars from around the world. It provided a new perspective to the current challenges.

The meeting was also an opportunity to get to know leaders in the subspecialties of my interest, ie, Cytopathology and Gastrointestinal Pathology. The specialty courses and companion society meetings were excellent, and provided insight to recent advancements, contemporary issues, trends and controversies. It was a great opportunity to learn about issues faced by highly experienced experts, and benefit from the experience of a new generation of pathologists just beginning their day to day practice. The leaders also enlightened us about the problems faced by the Pathology community in general and provided valuable direction for improvement.

The networking opportunities helped me get to know new scholars and reconnect with peers and mentors, who guided and helped me in the past. I was able to attend the Cytojournal Editorial Board meeting, and interacted with other members for journal related issues and other activities pursued by the Cytopathology Foundation.

The showcased instruments, reagents, billing software systems, digital imaging system and educational material were immense and amazing. The trip was highly useful in enhancing my perspective as a Pathologist. I am grateful to Intersociety Council for the support.

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