

BRIEF REPORT
ICPI Trainee Travel Award

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San Diego, CA

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As a recipient of the 2008 ICPI Trainee Travel Award, I attended the Annual Meeting of the College of American Pathologists in San Diego, CA in September, 2008. I was one of my residency program's 4 delegates to the Residents' Forum, a meeting wherein residents in Pathology gather to formulate and share ideas that effect change in our field.

The Residents' Forum had a record number of attendees and like everyone else, I was excited to be there, representing my program and my beloved specialty. The theme of the meeting was "Changing Pathology." Residents brainstormed ideas and ways by which we can change our specialty to make it even better and adaptable to the rapidly changing landscape of medicine and healthcare. There were many excellent and promising ideas presented, and all the residents, I believe, left the meeting imbued with energy and enthusiasm to carry out those ideas and make them a reality. The meeting emphasized that the most important changes in our field that we all would need to embrace were the digitalization of Pathology and the rise to prominence and paramount importance of Molecular Pathology. Another highlight of the meeting, from a personal standpoint, was my learning of the opportunities available to us to become active in Washington, where legislations pertinent to our specialty and to medicine are formulated and enacted. I left the meeting with the intention to enlist and be part of this political movement.

The ICPI Trainee Travel Award helped tremendously in defraying the cost of my trip to San Diego to attend a meeting, which was, in all respects, a success! I wish to thank the ICPI for this award and implore it to continue providing help to trainees in Pathology so that they may be able to attend important national meetings.