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RE: ICPI Trainee Travel Award

Dear Dr. Mark Sobel and ICPI Board,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to attend the 2012 Experimental Biology meeting, San Diego CA. This award was very instrumental in me attending this interdisciplinary meeting in which, I am a member of American Society of Investigative Pathology.

I have just completed my 3rd year as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Pittsburgh SOM. This is an important transitioning time of my career. This meeting fostered networking opportunities that aided in making this transition smoother. It also provided me with a platform to present my latest research findings entitled "Transplantation of mesenchymal stem cells and fibroblasts in a bio-compatible matrix corrects defective dermal and co-chair a mimisymposium. The session turned out to be one of the most enriching experiences of the meeting. I met several investigators in my field that provided me with experimental insight and career advice.

In addition to attending some of the other societies symposium and career workshop, I also took advantage of the ASIP-sponsored educational programs, pathology resources and seminars. ASIP and this meeting provided the perfect platform for developing a network of collaborations, and obtaining a broad view of approaches to scientific problems. I am looking forward to my continued attendance and participation at the next annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Cecelia Yates-Binder