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## Final report on IMBC2005 travel funds

This report includes four components:

- Overview of IMBC2005
- Utilization of travel funds
- Acknowledgement

### 1) Overview of IMBC2005

Since the first conference in Tokyo, in 1989, the International Marine Biotechnology Conference (IMBC) has been held in the United States (1991), Norway (1994), Italy (1997), Australia (2000) and Japan (2003). The 7th International Marine Biotechnology Conference (IMBC2005) was held in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada on June 7th to 12th, 2005.

The IMBC2005 was a successful conference. It provided an opportunity for the world's leading scientists working at the cutting edge of marine biotechnology, to exchange information, ideas and innovations with researchers working in the many interdisciplinary fields aligned with marine biotechnology. About 450 scientists representing 38 countries participated in the conference. 67 scientists from United States representing different research and teaching institutions were at the meeting. There were 170 oral and poster presentations.

Drs. Rita Colwell (USA), Tadashi Matsunaga (Japan), Jan Olafsen (Norway), Shirley Pomponi (USA), Robert Orr (Canada) gave plenary talks at the meeting. A total of 20 oral sessions and 18 poster sessions covered broad scope of marine biotechnology ranging from aquaculture, biodiversity, marine microbiology, natural products, seafood safety, transgenics, bioremediation, molecular and cell biology, genomes and proteomics, and etc.

### 2) Utilization of travel funds

A total of \$21,000 travel fund was contributed by DOE (\$13,000), Maryland SG (\$4,000), UMBI (\$3,000) and New England Biolab (\$1000). Our fund raising activity allowed us to support 11 graduate students and 2 young scientists from U.S. to travel to this conference. This travel award provided a unique opportunity for graduate students to interact with scientists from all over the world. They exchanged the scientific information, explored potential collaboration, and experienced diverse cultures during the meeting. Each person received up to \$1,400 reimbursement related to airfare, hotel, registration and other transportation related expenses. Students benefited greatly from this travel award. I cited a letter from Ms. Amber Garber, a Ph.D candidate from North Carolina State University, as an example.

----- Original Message -----

From: Amber F. Garber  
To: Dr. Feng Chen  
Cc: Nanci Henningsen ; Dr. Craig Sullivan ; Amber F Garber

Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2005 6:24 AM  
Subject: Partial Travel Support to IMBC 2005

Dear Dr. Feng Chen,

The IMBC 2005 conference was an excellent networking experience !! I was introduced to and able to introduce myself to individuals I only knew previously as authors on manuscripts that I have read/cited. I was also able to speak further with researchers that I have met at meetings/conferences in the past. While various discussions were based around individual research projects or ideas, some led to potential future post-doctoral or job opportunities that I would find extremely interesting.

Thank you immensely for the partial travel support sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, University of Maryland Biotechnology, and New England Biolabs to participate in the IMBC 2005 conference held in St. John's, Newfoundland. Nanci Henningsen kindly emailed me the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute Expense Statement yesterday and I will be submitting it today for \$978.15. I was able to obtain the rest of the support for my trip through an international travel grant at NCSU.

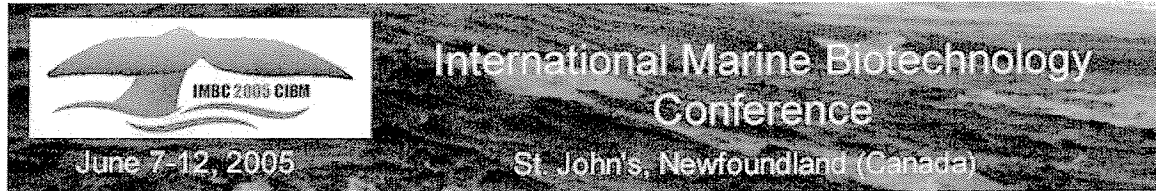
Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
Amber Garber























Amber F. Garber, Ph.D. Candidate  
North Carolina State University

### 3) Acknowledgement

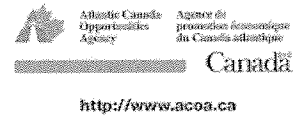
Financial supports were acknowledged in awardee's poster and oral presentations. In addition, the travel funds committed by DOE and UMBI were listed as a special support (see, [http://www.imbc2005.org/sponsors\\_e.html](http://www.imbc2005.org/sponsors_e.html)).



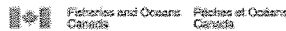
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