CVRI at Scientific Sessions 2014

It was a pleasure to see many of our CVRI Council members at the Scientific Sessions 2014 in Chicago. As in previous years, the scientific program was organized into multidisciplinary cores with interest of our members particularly high for Core 1 (Cardiovascular Imaging) and Core 6 (Vascular Disease: Catheter-Based and Surgical Interventions). These tracked covered basic, translational, clinical and population science, allowing attendees to focus their education in their specialty or to expand their knowledge in other areas.

On the first day of Scientific Sessions and as part of the early career track, Harold Litt, MD, led the Cardiac Imaging Boot Camp to kick off the program, introducing a new format focused on case-based imaging by modality. I’m proud to announce that we had a record attendance this year, which speaks volumes of Dr. Litt’s efforts. This is his fifth year organizing the CVRI early career boot camp, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for starting an early career program for our Council and growing its attendance year over year. Next year, Jacobo Kirsch, MD, will be leading the program that included the presentation of abstracts. The competition, as with previous years, was rigorous. This year, the finalists honored were:

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The winners were:

First Place: “Addressing Ischemic Heart Disease as the No. 1 Cause of Disease Burden Worldwide: A Call for Action From the Cardiovascular Imaging Community.”

- Dr. Lima is professor in the Departments of Medicine, Radiology and Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University. His research interests are concentrated on the development and application of imaging technology to address scientific and clinical problems involving the heart and vascular system. Dr. Lima has had the privilege to mentor a number of gifted individuals who chose to pursue academic careers using cardiac imaging as a phenotyping tool.

The Melvin Judkins Young Clinical Investigator Award, named for the pioneer of coronary angiography, recognizes meritorious research from early career investigators and promotes careers in cardiovascular radiology. The competition, as with previous years, was rigorous. This year, the finalists honored were:

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NASCI 42nd Annual Meeting News

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging (nasci.org) was held Sept. 20-23 in New Orleans. The program committee provided a great educational and scientific program that included the presentation of the AHA CVRI Young Investigator Award abstracts.

The winners were:

First Place: “Initial Experiences With Fast T1-Mapping: Pulse Sequence Schemes, Reliability, Variability and Reproducibility”

- Akos Varga-Szemes, MD

Second Place: “Diffuse Myocardial Intersitial Fibrosis Assessed by Cardiac MR: Relationship to Systolic and Diastolic Function in Thalassemia Major”

- Kate Hennenman, MD

Third Place: “Is There Incremental Value of Evaluating Left Ventricular Dyssynchrony by Gated SPECT in Patients With Systolic Heart Failure and Pre-Existing Abnormal Sympathetic Function by Cardiac MIBG? A Pilot Study”

- Afid A.Mohammed, MD

Congratulations to everyone.

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging will be held Sept. 26-29 in San Diego. Visit nasci.org for more information.

You will see new offerings, enhanced favorites, and even more of the cutting-edge science you expect from AHA/ASA at our events!

International Stroke Conference
February 11–13, 2015

State-of-the-Science Stroke Nursing Symposium
February 10, 2015

ISC Pre-Conference Symposium
February 10, 2015

EPI/Lifestyle 2015 Scientific Sessions
March 3–6, 2015

Resuscitation Science Symposium
November 7–11, 2015

Basic Cardiovascular Sciences 2015 Scientific Sessions
July 13–16, 2015

Cardiovascular Clinical Nursing Symposium
April 29–May 1, 2015

European Society for Cardiology 2015 Scientific Sessions
June 4–8, 2015

Cardiovascular and InterventionalRadiology 2015 Scientific Sessions
May 7–9, 2015

Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology/ Peripheral Vascular Disease 2015 Scientific Sessions
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