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SDMS Recognizes Award Winners in Denver

DENVER, COLORADO – With more than 900 diagnostic medical sonographers and guests in attendance, the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS) recognized the international winners of various awards and competitions at a star-studded special awards dinner. The first-ever awards dinner was held as part of the SDMS' 2006 Annual Conference being held at the Colorado Convention Center. The conference is the largest ever held by the Society with more than 1,700 participants.

New member of the SDMS Board of Directors, Terry Tye (Palo Alto, CA) and re-elected Board member Nancy Chouinard (Delta, BC, Canada) were sworn into office as Directors At-Large during the awards ceremony. The Society also recognized the hundreds of volunteers who assist the organization throughout the year in achieving its mission.

Each year, a number of competitions are held at the SDMS Annual Conference. The winners of these competitions included:

Scientific Presentation Competition

1st place: Daniel A. Merton
Laurel Springs, NJ

2nd place: Yumi Lee
Seoul, South Korea

Student Sonographer Poster Exhibit Competition

1st place: Claire Beckmann, Lori Cambell, Shari Berg, Jill Guenther, and Autumn Wegner
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

2nd place: Janell Snyder
University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK

3rd place: Tracy Haefner, Dennis Biles, and Sarah Fleek
Mayo Sonography Program, Rochester, MN

Sonographer Poster Exhibit Competition

1st place: Victoria Moore
Cincinnati, OH

2nd place: Connie McCoy
Cincinnati, OH

3rd place: Eun Jung Park
Seoul, South Korea

Ted Scott of Dundas, Ontario, Canada received both the **Bracco Diagnostics, Inc. Research Award** and the **Graduate Research Award** from the SDMS Educational Foundation for his sonography-related research.

Don Milburn (Prescott, AZ) was recognized as the presenter of the first **Stephen L. McLaughlin Memorial Lectureship** which was created in memory of Stephen McLaughlin, a former President of the Society from Boston, MA. Mr. Milburn's lecture, *Perception is Reality-The Image of a Professional*, will be presented on Saturday, October 14.

Companies who help the SDMS and SDMS Educational Foundation by providing financial support through advertising, exhibition at the Annual Conference, and donations were also honored at the awards dinner. Each company received a plaque and was recognized for their support of the Society.

Gold Supporter Level

- Parker Laboratories, Inc.
- SonoSite, Inc.
- Unetixs Vascular, Inc.

Silver Supporter Level

- Biosound Esaote
- GE Healthcare Ultrasound
- Hitachi Medical Systems America, Inc.
- Keith Mauney and Associates
- Medison America, Inc.
- Pegasus Lectures, Inc.
- Sonora Medical Systems, Inc.

Bronze Supporter Level

- Allina
- Biodex Medical Systems
- CIVCO Medical Solutions
- Davies Publishing, Inc.
- ESP Ultrasound
- Fujitsu
- Heritage Medical Products, Inc.
- Mayo Clinic
- Siemens Medical Solutions

The **W. Frederick Sample Student Excellence Award** was established in memory of Dr. Sample to acknowledge outstanding achievement in the field of diagnostic medical sonography.

Original Research

1st place: Kristine Barnhart
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

2nd place: Pauline Suon
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

Literature Review

1st place: Britta Fehst
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

1st place: Nicole Tuning
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

The **Kenneth R. Gottesfeld Award** recognizes sonographer authors for the publication of outstanding research or review articles in the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography. The award encourages sonographers to share their expertise by writing for publication in the JDMS.

1st place: Priscilla Peters
Pennsauken, NJ

2nd place: Susan Raatz Stephenson
Bothell, WA

3rd place: Carolyn Coffin and Susan Murphey
Lake Forest Park, WA

The **SDMS Distinguished Educator Award** is presented to honor outstanding educators in the field of diagnostic medical sonography. This year, two individuals were recognized for their outstanding contributions to sonography education.

- Dr. Carol Chenoweth-Mitchell – Dr. Mitchell is the Program Director of the School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics and the Training Program Director for the university's Atherosclerosis Imaging Research Program and coordinates multi-center trials.
- Karen Having – Ms. Having is an Associate Professor in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

The **Joan Baker Pioneer Award** honors a sonographer who has made a unique and outstanding contribution to the sonography profession.

- Dale R. Cyr (Rockville, MD) – Mr. Cyr has been the CEO and Executive Director of American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) since 1998.

The **SDMS Fellow** membership category recognizes individual members who have made exceptional contributions to the field of sonography and to the SDMS.

- Shannon Boswell (Seattle, WA) – Ms. Boswell works at Virginia Mason Medical Center as the manager for the Ultrasound Department and Image Management Department within Radiology. She is currently serving as President-elect for the SDMS and will assume her duties as President at the 2007 SDMS Annual Conference in Las Vegas.
- Daniel Merton (Laurel Springs, NJ) – Mr. Merton is the Technical Coordinator of Research and a Clinical Instructor at the Jefferson Ultrasound Research and Education Institute of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

About SDMS

The Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS; www.sdms.org) is an international professional organization representing more than 18,500 sonographers and other health care providers involved in the use of diagnostic medical sonography. Its goal is to promote, advance, and educate its members and the medical community in the science of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

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