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SDMS Recognizes Award Winners in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA – With almost 400 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 awards dinner was held as part of the SDMS' 2007 Annual Conference being held at the Red Rock Casino Resort Spa. The conference is the largest ever held by the Society with more than 2,000 participants.

New members of the SDMS Board of Directors Cindy Owen (Memphis, TN), Jill Herzog (Nashville, TN) and Mani Montazemi (Minnetonka, MN) and re-elected Board members Shannon Boswell (Seattle, WA), Charlotte Henningsen (Orlando, FL), Joy Guthrie (Madera, CA), Lindi Quinn (Coos Bay, OR), and Marsha Neumyer (Harrisburg, PA) were sworn into office 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: Robert Scissons
Toledo, OH

2nd place: Jennifer McDowell and Javier Romero
Boston, MA

3rd place: Ju Hee Kim
Seoul, South Korea

Student Sonographer Poster Exhibit Competition

1st place: Trisha May and Kristin Smith
University of Cincinnati Advanced Medical Imaging Technology Program, Cincinnati, OH

2nd place: Melissa Berg and Jamie Ignowski
Triton College DMS Program, River Grove, IL

3rd place: Jillian Kindig, Michaela Thompson, Nora Kopecky, Barb Miller, Alyssa Matthes, Amber Trevett, and Brooke Weinrich
University of Nebraska Medical Center DMS Program, Omaha, NE

Sonographer Poster Exhibit Competition

1st place: Katie Kuntz, Duane Meixner, and Kristy Tenney
Rochester, MN

2nd place: Victoria Moore
Cincinnati, OH

3rd place: Frederick Jones
Dublin, OH

In addition Malka Glasner of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada received the **Bracco Diagnostics, Inc. Research Award** and Renee Hathaway of Lincoln, Nebraska received the **Graduate Research Award** from the SDMS Educational Foundation for their sonography-related research.

Terry DuBose (Little Rock, AR) was recognized as the presenter of the second **Stephen L. McLaughlin Memorial Lectureship** which was created in memory of Stephen McLaughlin, a former President of the Society from Boston, MA. Mr. DuBose's lecture, *The Profession's Identity: Words and Actions Matter*, was presented on Saturday, October 13.

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

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: Sarah Curtis
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

2nd place: Kilee Owens
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

Literature Review

1st place: Abby Rubin
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

2nd place: Nora Kopecky
*University of Nebraska Medical Center School of Allied Health Professions,
Norfolk, NE*

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: Tim Gibbs
Garden Grove, CA

2nd place: James Chapman
Indianapolis, IN

3rd place: Rita France
Evansville, IN

The **SDMS Distinguished Educator Award** is presented to honor outstanding educators in the field of diagnostic medical sonography.

- Jody Hancock (Chattanooga, TN) – Ms. Hancock is the Director of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at Chattanooga State Technical Community College.

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

- Terry DuBose (Little Rock, AR) – Mr. DuBose is the Director of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Health Related Professions

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

- Marsha Neumyer (Harrisburg, PA) – Ms. Neumyer is an assistant professor of surgery at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine and Director of the Vascular Studies Section of the Penn State Vascular Institute at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania. She also currently serves on the SDMS Board of Directors as an At-large Director for the SDMS.
- Cindy Owen (Memphis, TN), Consultant in Ultrasound, Diagnostic Ultrasound Services. Ms. Owen also currently serves on the SDMS Board of Directors as Secretary for the SDMS.

About SDMS

The Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS; www.sdms.org) is an international professional organization representing more than 20,000 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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