Awards and Named Lecturers at the American Heart Association 71st Scientific Sessions

The 71st Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association were held in Dallas, Tex, November 8 through 11, 1998. A traditional highlight of the annual AHA Scientific Sessions is the recognition of excellence in clinical and basic cardiovascular research via the Scientific Councils’ distinguished lectureships, awards, and Young Investigator competitions. The awardees and nominees for these distinguished lectureships, awards, and Young Investigator competitions. The awardees and nominees for these distinguished lectureships, awards, and Young Investigator competitions follow.

Research Awards

Martha N. Hill New Investigator Award: Lora E. Burke (first place), University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa; Gayle R. Whitman (second place), University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa; and Theresa Beery (third place), University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio (Figure 1).

Elizabeth Barrett-Connor Research Award in Epidemiology and Prevention for Investigators in Training: Jersey Chen (winner), Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Conn; Kelly R. Evenson (finalist), UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC; Frank B. Hu (finalist), Harvard University, Boston, Mass (Figure 2).

Irvine H. Page Atherosclerosis Research Awards for Young Investigators: M. Mahmoud Hussain (winner), Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, Philadelphia, Pa; Benoit Lamarche (finalist), University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Robert E. Gerszten (finalist), Massachusetts General Hospital, Charlestown, Mass; Devendra K. Vora (finalist), UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, Calif; Domenico Pratico (finalist), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa (Figure 3).

Louis N. and Arnold M. Katz Basic Science Research Prizes for Young Investigators: Peter Michael Snyder (winner), University of Iowa, Iowa City; Jonathan A. Epstein (finalist), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa; Ulrike Mende (finalist), Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, Mass; W. Robb MacLellan (finalist), Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Tex (Figure 4).

Melvin L. Marcus Young Investigator Awards in Cardiovascular Integrated Physiology: Karla Kurrelmeyer (winner), Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Tex; Michael R. Brown (finalist), University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa; Hai U. Wang (finalist), California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif; Gabriel Choukroun (finalist), Massachusetts General Hospital, Charlestown, Mass; Koo-Gi Shyu (finalist), St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center, Boston, Mass (Figure 5).

Samuel A. Levine Young Clinical Investigator Awards: Abhiram Prasad (winner), National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md; Josef Niebauer (finalist), University of Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany; Carolina Delgado (finalist), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich; Sanjiv M. Narayan (finalist), Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Mo; Eike Nagel (finalist), HU Berlin and German Heart Institute (Figure 6).

The Courand and Comroe Young Investigator Prizes in Cardiopulmonary and Critical Care: Bernard Thebaut (cowinner), University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; David E. Camey (cowinner), SUNY HSC, Syracuse, NY; Raphael Rosenhek (finalist), University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria (Figure 7).

Vivien Thomas Young Investigator Awards: G. Randall Green (winner), Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif; Permyos Ruengsakulrach (finalist), Austin & Repatriation Medical Center, Melbourne, Australia; Caroline Metais (finalist), Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass; Henry L. Zhu (finalist), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa; Motohisa Tofukuji (finalist), Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Mass (Figure 8).

Young Investigator Prize in Thrombosis: Gary E. Cooke (winner), Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (Figure 9).

Laennec Society Young Clinician Award: Sunita Maheshwari (winner); Rohan G. Perera (finalist); Brett M. Sasseen (finalist); Joshua Beckman (finalist); Charles Bruce (finalist) (Figure 10).

Named Lectureships

Named lecturers for 1998 were for the Lewis A. Conner Memorial Lecture, Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md; for the Sol Sherry Lecture in Thrombosis, Laszlo Lorand, PhD, Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, Ill; for the Paul Dudley White International Lecture, Rene G. Favaloro, MD, Instituto de Cardiología y Cirugía Cardiovascular, Buenos Aires, Argentina; for the George Lyman Duff Memorial Lecture, Peter Libby, MD, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, Mass; for the Lewis K. Dahl Memorial Lecture, Richard J. Roman, PhD, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wis; for the William W.L. Glenn Lecture, Denton A. Cooley, MD, Texas Heart Institute, Houston, Tex; for the Ancel Keys Lecture, Millicent W. Higgins, MD, DPH.

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Figure 1. New Investigator Award, Council on Cardiovascular Nursing. From left: Kathleen Grady, program chair; Lora E. Burke, winner; Gayle Whitman, 1st runner-up; Theresa Beery, 2nd runner-up; and Kathleen King, council vice chair.

Figure 2. Elizabeth Barrett-Connor Research Award, Council on Epidemiology. From left: Lori Mosca, program vice chair; Harlan Krumholz, mentor for Jersey Chen; Jersey Chen, winner; Kelly R. Evenson, finalist; Michael Criqui, council vice chair; Frank B. Hu, finalist; Wayne Rosamond, mentor for Kelly Evenson; Shiri Kumanyika, council chair; and Aaron Folsom, program chair.

Figure 3. Irvine H. Page Arteriosclerosis Research Award, Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology. From left: Alan Fogelman, council chair; Benoit Lamarche, finalist; M. Mahmood Hussain, winner; Robert E. Gerszten, finalist; and Devendra Vora, finalist. Not pictured: Domenico Pratico, finalist.

Figure 4. Louis and Arnold Katz Prize for Young Investigators, Council on Basic Science. From left: Gary Stiles, council chair; Peter M. Snyder, winner; Jonathan A. Epstein, finalist; Ulrike Mende, finalist; and W. Robb MacLellan, finalist. The fifth finalist was disqualified.

Figure 5. Melvin L. Marcus Young Investigator Award, Council on Circulation. From left: Michael R. Brown, finalist; Karla Kurrelmeyer, winner; Hai U. Wang, finalist; Gabriel Choukroun, finalist; and Richard Cohen, Marcus Award chair. Not pictured: Kou-Gi Shyu, finalist.

Figure 6. Samuel A. Levine Young Clinical Investigator Award, Council on Clinical Cardiology. From left: Abhiram Prasad, winner; Josef Niebauer, finalist; Carolina Delgado, finalist; Sanjiv M. Narayan, finalist; Eike Nagel, finalist; and Charles Francis, council chair.
Figure 7. Cournand and Comroe Young Investigator Prize, Council on Cardiopulmonary and Critical Care. From left: Michael Wolin, program chair; Bernard Thebaud, cowinner; David E. Carney, cowinner; Raphael Rosenhek, finalist; and Richard Kerber, council chair.

Figure 8. Vivien Thomas Young Investigator Award, Council on Cardio-Thoracic and Vascular Surgery. From left: Permyos Ruengsakulrach, finalist; G. Randall Green, winner; Caroline Metais, finalist; Henry L. Zhu, finalist; Motohisa Tofukuji, finalist; and Hartzell Schaff, program vice chair.

Figure 9. Young Investigator in Thrombosis, Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology. From left: Glen E. Cooke, winner; Alan Fogelman, council chair.

Figure 10. Laennec Society Young Clinician Award, Council on Clinical Cardiology. From left: Rohan G. Perera, finalist; Sunita Maheshwari, winner; Brett M. Sasseen, finalist; and Michael Crawford, award chair. Not pictured: Joshua Beckman, finalist, and Charles Bruce, finalist.

Figure 11. George E. Brown Memorial Lecture, Council on Circulation. From left: Thomas Hintze, council vice chair; Gabor Kaley, lecturer.

Figure 12. 1998 Research Achievement Award: Oliver Smithies, DPhil.
University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor, Mich; for the Dickinson W. Richards Memorial Lecture, Max Harry Weil, MD, PhD, Institute of Critical Care, Palm Springs, Calif; for the Laennec Society Invited Lecture, Blase Anthony Carabello, MD, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; for the Charles T. Dotter Memorial Lecture, Herbert L. Abrams, MD, Stanford University Medical School, Palo Alto, Calif; for the George E. Brown Memorial Lecture, Gabor Kaley, PhD, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY (Figure 11); for the William J. Rashkind Memorial Lecture, Renee C. Fox, PhD, and Professor Emerita, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa; for the Thomas W. Smith Memorial Lecture, Eva J. Neer, MD, Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass; for the T. Buckett Jones Memorial Lecture, Welton M. Gersony, MD, Columbia University, New York, NY; and for the Distinguished Vascular Biology Lecture, Russell Ross, PhD, University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, Wash.

AHA Scientific Councils’ Distinguished Achievement Awards

Recipients of the AHA Scientific Councils’ Distinguished Achievement Awards were Jay N. Cohn, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn, Council on Clinical Cardiology; Charles A. Hales, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass, and Stephen F. Vatner, Allegheny University of Health Science, Pittsburgh, Pa, Council on Basic Science, Cardiopulmonary and Critical Care, and Circulation; Floyd Loop, Cleveland, Ohio, Council on Cardiovascular Disease in the Young and Cardio-Thoracic and Vascular Surgery; Julia Ann Purcell, Stone Mountain, Ga, Council on Cardiovascular Nursing; Thomas F. Deuel, Boston, Mass, Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology.

Other notable awardees included Oliver Smithies, Chapel Hill, NC (Figure 12), and Barry S. Collier, New York, NY (Figure 13), winners of the Research Achievement Award; Louis J. Ignarro, winner of the Basic Research Prize (Figure 14); Jerilyn K. Allen, Baltimore, Md, winner of the Katharine A. Lembright Award; Cardiovascular Medicine Research Award; Julia Ann Purcell, Stone Mountain, Ga, winner of the Excellence in Cardiovascular Nursing Clinical Practice Award; Barbara J. Riegel, San Diego, Calif, winner of the Council on Cardiovascular Nursing Heart Failure Research Prize; winner of the 1998 Best Abstract Award, John M. Herre, Norfolk, Va; Michael S. Gordon, Miami, FL, winner of the Laennec Special Recognition Award; and Henrick Joan Joost Wellens, Netherlands, winner of the James B. Herrick Award (Figure 15).

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