

Lyn Mehlberg Ascends to SNMTS Presidency

Lyn Mehlberg, CNMT, assumed the presidency of the SNMTS in June when outgoing SNMTS President Frances Keech, clipped Mehlberg's ribbon. The ribbon clipping ceremony, symbolizing the passing of the reins of responsibility from the president to the president-elect (the word "elect" is clipped from the new president's membership ribbon) took place at the SNMTS business meeting held June 24 in New Orleans in conjunction with the SNMTS Annual Meeting.

David Perry Honored as Fellow of the SNMTS

David Perry, CNMT, was invested as a Fellow of the SNMTS at the SNM Annual Meeting in recognition of his many contributions to the Technologist Section. Outgoing President Frances Keech, MBA, RT(N), presented Perry with a plaque in his honor. Perry, manager of radiology at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO, currently serves as chair of the Publications Committee and head of the *Uptake* Editorial Board and is chair of the PET/CT Task Force as well.

Outstanding JNMT Papers Recognized

The authors of 3 scientific papers and a case report published in the *JNMT* during 2002 were honored for outstanding contributions to the scientific literature of nuclear medicine technology. The first place award carried a \$500.00 prize, and the best case report award winner received a check for \$100,000. JNMT Editor Beth Harkness presented the awards and certificates at the 2003 SNM Annual Meeting last June in New Orleans.

First Place

Martha Vallejo Mar, Sonia Gee-Johnson, E. Edmund Kim, and Donald A. Podoloff for "Whole-Body Lymphoscintigraphy Using Transmission Scans" *J Nucl Med Technol.* 2002; 30:12-17.

Second Place

Robert A. Pagnanelli, Michael W. Hanson, Timothy Turkington, R. Ed-

ward Coleman and Salvador Borges-Neto for "Gated ^{99m}Tc -Tetrofosmin and ^{18}F -FDG Studies: A Comparison of Single-Acquisition and Separate-Acquisition Protocols" *J Nucl Med Technol.* 2002; 30:175-178.

Third Place

Thea M. Lundberg, Peta J. Gray, and Marissa L Bartlett for "Measuring and Minimizing the Radiation Dose to Nuclear Medicine Technologists" *J Nucl Med Technol.* 2002; 30:25-30

Best Case Report

John Warner, Steven Hovey, and Elpida S. Crawford for "Contamination Problem with Sentinel Node Localization Procedure" *J Nucl Med Technol.* 2002; 30:18-20.

TECHNOLOGIST SECTION AWARDS

Scientific Papers

First Place (\$500 and plaque)

P.E. Lamerton and R.S. Stubbs for "The Use of MAA Scanning Prior to Selective Internal Radiation Therapy with SIR-Spheres for Treating Non-Resectable Liver Tumors."

Second Place (\$300 and plaque)

A.M. Stachowiak, W.D. Erwin, and R.E. Wendt for "Pitfalls in Quantitative Whole-Body Imaging."

Third Place (\$200 and plaque)

R.A. Sajdak, R.E. Henkin, and J. Halama for "Technical Aspects for Optimized Myocardial Perfusion Imaging with Rb-82 Using 3D Acquisition and Processing."

Scientific Posters

First Place (\$200 and plaque)

Y. Nishimura, K. Fukuchi, Y. Ishida, K. Hayashida, T. Katafuchi, H. Oka, and K. Murase for "Image Co-Registration Between Gated Myocardial SPECT and CAG With a Simple and Cost-Effective Method."

Second Place (\$150 and plaque)

Y. Takahashi, K. Murase, T. Mochizuki, H. Higashino, H. Miguchi, and A.

Kinda for "Evaluation of the Number of SPECT Projections in the Ordered Subsets-Expectation Maximization Image Reconstruction Method."

Third Place (\$100 and plaque)

K.R. Jordan, B. Bybel, R.C. Brunken, F. DiFilippo, and S.P. Khandekar for "A Practical Methodology for Gastric Emptying Evaluation."

Student Presentations

First Place (\$100 and plaque)

A. Soheili and R.G. Wells for "The Need for Attenuation and Scatter Correction in Myocardial Perfusion Tomography, A Phantom Study."

Second Place (\$50 and plaque)

S. Bellard and F. Mishkin for "To Compare the Values of the First Pass Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF) Obtained From Two Different Methods with the LVEF Obtained from the Gated Blood Pool Study."

Brain Imaging Council Awards

First Place (\$250)

C.R. Thomas, F.S. Mishkin, and J.J. McGough for "Basal ganglion uptake of ^{123}I Altoprane® as an aid in the diagnosis of attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD)."

Cardiovascular Council Awards

First Place (\$250)

R.A. Sajdak, R.E. Henkin, and J. Halama for "Technical Aspects for Optimized Myocardial Perfusion Imaging with Rb-82 Using 3D Acquisition and Processing."

Second Place (\$150)

A.J. Arroyo, H.B. Semaan, T.R. Allen, M.V. Sebastian, and Y.P. Patel for "Increased Pulmonary Uptake of ^{99m}Tc Sestamibi (MIBI) During Myocardial Perfusion Testing in Non-Smokers Compared with Smokers."

Third Place (\$100)

R.T. Full, R.T. Brucken, and B. Bybel for "A Simple Method for Improving ^{18}F FDG PET Imaging for the Assessment of Myocardial Viability Using Insulin."

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