2012 SCMR Gold Medal Award is now open for nominations

By Orlando Simonetti

The Gold Medal Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Society and is to be given for distinguished and extraordinary service to the field of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance and to the Society. A maximum of three awards will be presented by the President of the Society on behalf of the Board of Trustees at the 2012 Annual Scientific Sessions.

Nominations are to be submitted in writing by any current member of the SCMR*. Nominators are to provide in detail the nominee's qualifications for the award, and the nomination should be accompanied by a current Curriculum Vitae of the nominee. At least two letters of support from sponsoring current SCMR members* must accompany the nomination materials, with the primary nominator responsible for the submission of letters of support.

An individual member of SCMR can act only once each year as either primary nominator or sponsor, i.e., an individual member cannot be primary nominator for one nominee and sponsor for another, or act in either capacity for more than one individual each year.

Letters of nomination and sponsorship should be sent to SCMR Headquarters (hq@scmr.org) by October 3, 2011 (Attention: SCMR Gold Medal Award Committee).

The 2012 Gold Medal Award Committee:
Orlando Simonetti (Chair)
Rene Botnar
Albert de Roos
Christopher Kramer
Eike Nagel

* Current elected officers and members of the Board of Trustees, and members of the SCMR Gold Medal Award Committee are ineligible for the Gold Medal nomination, and also may not nominate or provide letters of support for Gold Medal Award nominees.

SCMR 15th Annual Scientific Sessions

On February 2-5, 2012, SCMR will host its 15th Annual Scientific Sessions at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, Florida. The 2012 meeting will include Basic Science, General, Congenital, and Case Report Sessions as well as a Technologist Workshop.

This year, in addition to the one-day Physician and Congenital Pre-conference Courses, SCMR is collaborating with ISMRM to offer a two-day Cardiovascular Flow and Motion Workshop on February 1 and 2 prior to the Scientific Sessions. For more information, visit the SCMR website (www.scmr.org).

Abstracts are currently being accepted for presentation at the Scientific Sessions and the SCMR/ISMRM Flow and Motion Workshop. To further enrich the education experience, new categories have been added this year. Authors can submit abstracts by the October 3, 2011 deadline through the SCMR Abstract Submission Site (http://scmr2012.abstractcentral.com).

We hope you are able to attend 2012 Scientific Sessions as SCMR celebrates 15 years of providing education and training to the CMR community!

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Marriott World Center, Orlando, FL
February 2-5, 2012
SCMR Update on Vision and Mission Statement

The Board of Trustees has updated both the vision and mission statements of the Society in 2011 to better reflect new goals and objectives not contemplated in the earlier statements. The updated vision is more concise, yet embraces the position of the Society as an international organization and adds patient outcome, standardization and development of CMR as its commitments. This is reflected in the changes in mission topics where clinical effectiveness and outcomes are emphasized. The role of the SCMR website and global reach of the Society are also highlighted. Finally, the need for cooperation and alliances with different players such as industry, government and other societies is underscored to widen the Society’s reach.

The full vision and mission statements are listed below:

Vision:
To be the leading international representative and advocate for all physicians, scientists, and technologists working in CMR to improve patient outcomes through excellence in education, training, standards, research and development.

Mission:
- Be the premier international model and provider of CMR education, training, standards development, and accreditation.
- Maximize clinical effectiveness of CMR through coordinated comparative effectiveness research efforts resulting in evidence-based guidelines to enhance patient care and outcomes.
- Continually enhance the accuracy, efficiency, and effectiveness of CMR in cardiovascular healthcare through technological advances.
- Promote scientific exchange through organization of an annual international scientific conference, publication of the Journal of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance, and interactive internet-enabled tools including the SCMR website.
- Build an expanding global membership of physicians, scientists, technologists, and interested healthcare partners focused on clinical applications and research in CMR.
- Develop and advance close working alliances with related societies, industry partners, and governmental and regulatory agencies to more effectively integrate and elevate the use of CMR within cardiovascular healthcare.

JCMR has a new impact factor of 4.33

The ISI 2010 IF for JCMR has increased to 4.33. In the last year it has steadily risen with 2010 showing a huge gain:

- 2006 1.74
- 2007 1.87
- 2008 2.15
- 2009 2.28
- 2010 4.33

How do we compare to other CV and Rad journals? The median values for CV and Rad are 1.99 and 1.87 respectively.

JCMR is the official journal of the Society and has been open access since January 2008. Full SCMR membership grants free authorship in the journal.

Congratulations to authors, reviewers and all other involved in the editorial content. JCMR Online.

SCMR Position Available

Membership Committee: Volunteers needed to serve on the SCMR Membership Committee for a three year term beginning at the Orlando meeting. Trainee members and those from outside the US and Europe are particularly encouraged. For information on this and other committees, please contact SCMR at hq@scmr.org

Dates, Links and Communications

SCMR Annual Scientific Sessions: February 3-5, 2012
SCMR/ISMRM Pre-Conference Workshop on Cardiovascular Flow and Motion: Feb 1-2, 2012.
Physician and Congenital Pre-Conference Courses: February 2, 2012
SCMR 2012 Abstract submission deadline is October 3. The abstract site can be accessed at http://scmr2012.abstractcentral.com
Early bird registration ends January 2, 2012
SCMR Online Training Courses. Join in.
SCMR Forum: Your place for advice/second opinions, top CMR tricks and high quality peer discussed issues in all topics of CMR. Link here.
Case of the Week: Archive and discussions here.