Dear Colleagues,

As the Editor-in-Chief of the Circulation Journal, the official journal of the Japanese Circulation Society (JCS), I am pleased to further report the JCS 2012 Meeting Activities.

JCS 2012 Activities
The JCS 2012 Annual Meeting has been held during March 16–18 in Fukuoka, Japan. The following winners of the Young Investigator’s Award (YIA), the YIA for International Students and the Co-medical Award have been selected and were awarded during the Meeting. These awards should promote their careers.

1. Young Investigator’s Award (29th)
   [First Place]
   Tohru Kobayashi, MD, PhD
   (Department of Pediatrics, Gunma University Graduate School of Medicine)
   “Efficacy of Immunoglobulin Plus Prednisolone for Prevention of Coronary Artery Abnormalities in Severe Kawasaki Disease – A Prospective, Randomised, Open, Blinded-Endpoint Trial –”

   [Second Place]
   Kosei Eguchi, MD, PhD
   (Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Tokyo)
   “Saturated Fatty Acid and TLR Signaling Link β Cell Dysfunction and Islet Inflammation”

   Naoto Sasaki, MD, PhD
   (Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine)
   “A Novel Ultraviolet-Based Phototherapy Against Atherosclerosis Targeting Regulatory T Cells and Skin Dendritic Cells”
Yoh Arita, MD
(Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine)
“Angiopoietin-1 Is Critical for Coronary Venogenesis in the Developing Heart”

Shunsuke Katsuki, MD
(Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kyushu University)
“Nanoparticle-Mediated Delivery of Pitavastatin Inhibits Plaque Destabilization and Rupture in the Brachiocephalic Arteries of ApoE-Deficient Mice Through Regulating Monocyte/Macrophage Activation”

2. Young Investigator’s Award for International Students (10th)

[First Place]
Xiaoxiang Yan, MD (China)
(Department of Cardiology, Keio University School of Medicine)
“IL-17 Produced From γδ T Cells Promote Left Ventricular Remodeling After Myocardial Infarction”

[Second Place]
Flori Ratna Sari, MD, PhD (Indonesia)
(Department of Clinical Pharmacology, Niigata University of Pharmacy and Applied Life Sciences)
“Exacerbation of Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress-Related Maladaptive Cardiac Remodeling in Pressure-Overloaded Dominant Negative 14-3-3eta Mice”

Lina Hu, PhD (China)
(Department of Community Health and Geriatrics, Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine)
“Cathepsin K Deficiency Suppresses the Development of Experimental Intimal Hyperplasia in Response to Injuries”
Ada Congrains Castillo, BSc (Peru)
(Department of Geriatrics and Nephrology, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka University)
“CVD-Associated Non-Coding RNA, ANRIL, Modulates Expression of Apoptosis and Proliferation Pathways in VSMC”

Nur Arfian, MD (Indonesia)
(Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine)
“Targeting Endothelin-1 ETAR Interaction by Endothelial Cell-Derived Endothelin-1 Deletion Attenuates Kidney Fibrosis via Reducing Pericyte to Myofibroblast Transition and Capillary Loss”

3. Co-medical Award (2nd)
[First Place]
Kazuo Tsuyuki, PhD
(Laboratory of Physiology, Odawara Cardiovascular Hospital)
“Exercise ABI Test Using One Minute Treadmill Walking in Patients on Maintenance Hemodialysis”

[Second Place]
Keiko Saito
(Nursing Department, Kitasato University Hospital)
“Clinical Significance of the Japanese-Edited NEECHAM Confusion Scale to Predict Hazardous Behaviors in Inhospital Management of Cardiovascular Diseases”

Kentaro Kamiya
(Rehabilitation Center, Kitasato University Hospital)
“Phase II Cardiac Rehabilitation Prevents Readmission for Heart Failure in Chronic Heart Failure Patients With High BNP Concentration”
[Encouragement Award for Health Care Professionals]
Kenshi Numa
(Nursing Department, Okayama Heart Clinic)
“The Use of Adaptive-Servo Ventilation Under Sufficient Conscious Sedation During Atrial Fibrillation Ablation Reduced Radiation Exposure to Medical Staff and Patients”

Emiko Hasegawa
(Faculty of Human Welfare Human Welfare Department, Seigakuin University)
“Screening for Depression and Anxiety in Cardiac Rehabilitation – Associations with Support Systems and Treatment –”

Masashi Takahashi
(Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Hiroshima Prefectural Hospital)
“Assessments of the Non-Contrasting LA Images to Support Catheter Ablation by 64-Row MDCT”

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