Dear Colleagues,

The 77th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Japanese Circulation Society (JCS 2013) will be held in Yokohama on March 15–17, 2013 (Congress Chairperson, Kyoichi Mizuno, MD, PhD). The Circulation Journal rapidly publishes and announces JCS 2013 activities as follows:

1. Late Breaking Clinical Trials Papers

Papers selected for presentation in the Late Breaking Clinical Trials (LBCT) sessions in JCS 2013 will be rapidly published, after peer review, in the April issue of the Journal. In addition, these LBCT papers (JCS 2013) will be published online along the presentation in order to attract widespread attention of the attendees, as well as readers worldwide.

2. JCS 2012 Awards

We are pleased to announce the following JCS Awards to be presented during the JCS 2013 meeting:

1. Sato Award by the Japan Heart Foundation and the JCS (38th)
   Koichiro Kuwahara, MD, PhD
   (Department of Medicine and Clinical Science, Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine)
   “Elucidation of Molecular Mechanisms Underlying the Regulation and Action of Cardiovascular Hormones to Find Novel Therapeutic Targets for Cardiovascular Diseases”

2. CPIS (Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy International Symposium) Award (21st)
   Yoshiki Akakabe, MD
   (Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Kyoto Prefectural University School of Medicine)
   “ARIA Is a Novel Pharmacotherapeutic Target to Treat Metabolic Disorders”

3. Cardiovascular Surgery Award (8th)
   Junko Kobayashi, MD
   (Departments of Cardiovascular Surgery, Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences)
   “Disease Modeling for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome With Patient-Specific Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell-Derived Cardiomyocytes”
4. Pediatric Cardiology Award (8th)
Ayako Chida, MD
(Department of Pediatrics, National Defense Medical College)
“Outcomes of Childhood Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension in BMPR2 and ALK1 Mutation Carriers”

5. Cardiovascular Regeneration Medical Science Award (7th)

**Experimental Investigator**
Yuji Shiba, MD, PhD
(Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Shinshu University)
“Human ES-Cell-Derived Cardiomyocytes Electrically Couple and Suppress Arrhythmias in Injured Hearts”

**Clinical Research Investigator**
Suguru Tarui, MD
(Cardiovascular Surgery, Okayama University Hospital)
“Transcoronary Infusion of Cardiac Progenitors in Infants With Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (TICAP) – A Prospective Phase 1 Controlled Trial –”

6. Woman Researcher’s Award (6th)
Seimi Kobayashi, MD, PhD
(Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Kobe University Graduate School of Medicine)
“Osteoblast-Like Differentiation of Cultured Human Coronary Artery Smooth Muscle Cells by Bone Morphogenetic Protein Endothelial Cell Precursor-Derived Regulator (BMPER)”

7. Cardiovascular Clinical Research Investigator’s Award (2nd)

**Clinical Research Investigator**
Masaki Awata, MD, PhD
(Kansai Rosai Hospital Cardiovascular Center)
“Angioscopic Assessment of Arterial Repair Following Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in Patients”
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Case Report

[First Place]
Yuki Kakefuda, MD
(Department of Cardiology, Tsukuba Medical Center Hospital)
“Isolated Cardiac Involvement of B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Mimicking Acute Myocardial Infarction With Persistent Broad ST-Segment Elevation”

[Second Place] (in alphabetical order)
Shingo Maeda, MD, PhD
(Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Tokyo Medical and Dental University)
“Atrial Fibrillation Arising From the Left Brachiocephalic Vein”

Nobuhiro Nishiyama, MD, PhD
(Department of Cardiology, Keio University School of Medicine)
“Implantation of the Right Ventricular Lead of an Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator Complicated by Apical Myocardial Infarction”

The final results of the Young Investigator Awards (YIA) Competition, those of the International YIA Competition and those of Comedical Awards will be announced in the next issue of the Journal.

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