Rapid Publication and Announcement of the 2015 JCS Meeting Activities

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Dear Colleagues,

The 79th Annual Scientifc Meeting of the Japanese Circulation Society (*JCS 2015*) will be held in Osaka on April 24–26, 2015 (Congress Chairperson, Hisao Ogawa, MD, PhD). The *Circulation Journal* rapidly publishes and announces *JCS 2015* activities as follows:

1. Late Breaking Clinical Trials / Late Breaking Cohort Studies Papers

Papers selected for presentation in the Late Breaking Clinical Trials (LBCT) / Late Breaking Cohort Studies (LBCS) sessions in *JCS 2015* will be rapidly published, after peer review, in the May and June issues of the Journal. In addition, these LBCT / LBCS papers (*JCS 2015*) will be published online along the presentation in order to attract widespread attention of the attendees, as well as readers worldwide.

2. *JCS 2014* Awards

We are pleased to announce the following JCS Awards to be presented during the JCS 2015 meeting:

1. Sato Award by the Japan Heart Foundation and the JCS (40th)

Hiroshi Akazawa, MD, PhD

(Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo)

"Molecular Mechanisms of Cardiovascular Stress Response and Pathophysiology"



2. CPIS (Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy International Symposium) Award (23rd) Teruhiko Imamura, MD, PhD

(Department of Therapeutic Strategy for Heart Failure, Graduate School of Medicine, University of Tokyo)

"Increased Urine Aquaporin-2 Levels Relative to Plasma Arginine Vasopressin Is a Novel Marker of Response to Tolvaptan in Patients With Decompensated Heart Failure"



3. Cardiovascular Surgery Award (10th)

Yoshiki Watanabe, MD, PhD

(Department of Cardiovascular Surgery, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine) "Development of a Prostacyclin-Agonist-Eluting Aortic Stent Graft Enhancing Biological Attachment to the Aortic Wall"



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4. Pediatric Cardiology Award (10th)

Akiko Okamoto, MD

(Department of Pediatric Cardiology and Nephrology, Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine)

"The Involvement of the Vasa Vasorum in the Development of Vasculitis in Animal Model of Kawasaki Disease"



5. Cardiovascular Regeneration Medical Science Award (9th)

Experimental Investigator

Ryosuke Kikuchi, PhD

(Department of Medical Technique, Nagoya University Hospital)

"An Anti-Angiogenic Isoform of VEGF-A Contributes to Impaired Vascularization in Peripheral Artery Disease"



6. Woman Researcher's Award (8th)

Kanae Hasegawa, MD, PhD

(Internal Medicine, Kashiwazaki General Hospital and Medical Center)

"A Novel KCNQ1 Missense Mutation Identified in a Patient With Juvenile-Onset Atrial Fibrillation Causes Constitutively Open Iks Channels"



7. Cardiovascular Clinical Research Investigator's Award (4th)

Clinical Research Investigator

Masaharu Kataoka, MD, PhD

(Department of Cardiology, Keio University School of Medicine)

"Percutaneous Transluminal Pulmonary Angioplasty; A new Catheter-Based Interventional Therapy Developed in Japan"



Case Report

[First Place]

Hideaki Suzuki, MD, PhD

(Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Tohoku University)

"Evidence for Brain Activation in Patients With Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy"



[Second Place] (in alphabetical order)

Yohei Ohno, MD

(Department of Cardiology, Tokai University School of Medicine)

"Acute Left Atrial Spontaneous Echocardiographic Contrast and Suspicious Thrombus Formation Following Mitral Regurgitation Reduction With the MitraClip System"



Noriaki Tabata, MD

(Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University)

"A Case of Human Immunodeficiency Virus-Related Heart Failure Resembling Dilated Cardiomyopathy But Accompanied by High Cardiac Output"



8. Cardiovascular Imaging Award (2nd)

[First Place]

Tetsuya Hara, MD, PhD

(Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, Kobe University Graduated School of Medicine)

"18F-Fluorodeoxyglucose Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography Enables the Detection of Recurrent Same-Site Deep Vein Thrombosis by Illuminating Recently Formed, Neutrophil-Rich Thrombus"



[Second Place] (in alphabetical order)

Kenya Kusunose, MD, PhD

(Cardiovascular Medicine, Tokushima University Hospital)

"Decision Making in Asymptomatic Aortic Regurgitation in the Era of Guidelines: Incremental Values of Resting and Exercise Cardiac Dysfunction"



Kentaro Shibayama, MD

(Department Cardiology, Tokyo Bay Urayasu / Ichikawa Medical Center)

"Effect of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement on the Mitral Valve Apparatus and Mitral Regurgitation: Real-Time Three-Dimensional Transesophageal Echocardiography Study"



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 June issue of the Journal.

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