Dear Colleagues,

The 81st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Japanese Circulation Society (JCS 2017) was held in Kanazawa on March 17–19, 2017 (Congress Chairperson, Masakazu Yamagishi, MD, PhD). The Circulation Journal rapidly publishes and announces JCS 2017 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 2017 will be published, after peer review, in the July and August issues of the Journal. In addition, some of these LBCT / LBCS papers (JCS 2017) were published online along the presentation in order to attract widespread attention of the attendees, as well as readers worldwide.

2. **JCS 2016 Awards**

We are pleased to announce the following JCS Awards that were presented during the JCS 2017 meeting:

1. **Sato Award by the Japan Heart Foundation and the JCS (42nd)**
   
   Kimio Satoh, MD, PhD
   
   (Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Tohoku University Graduate School of Medicine)
   
   “Development of Novel Therapies for Cardiovascular Diseases by Clinical Application of Basic Research”

2. **CPIS (Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy International Symposium) Award (25th)**

   Shingo Takada, PhD

   (Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Hokkaido University Graduate School of Medicine)

   “Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitor Improved Exercise Capacity and Mitochondrial Biogenesis in Mice With Heart Failure Via Activation of Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Signalling”

3. **Cardiovascular Surgery Award (12th)**

   Takeshi Kinoshita, MD, PhD

   (Division of Cardiovascular Surgery Department of Surgery, Shiga University of Medical Science)

   “Endothelial Dysfunction of Internal Thoracic Artery Graft in Patients With Chronic Kidney Disease”

4. **Pediatric Cardiology Award (12th)**

   Hidekazu Ishida, MD, PhD

   (Department of Pediatrics, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine)

   “GFRA2 Identifies Cardiac Progenitors and Mediates Cardiomyocyte Differentiation in a RET-Independent Signaling Pathway”

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5. Cardiovascular Regeneration Medical Science Award (11th)

**Experimental Investigator**

Shugo Tohyama, MD, PhD  
*(Department of Cardiology, Keio University School of Medicine)*

“Glutamine Oxidation Is Indispensable for Survival of Human Pluripotent Stem Cells”

6. Woman Researcher’s Award (10th)

Haiying Fu, MD, PhD  
*(Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Osaka University Graduate School of Medicine)*

“Chemical Endoplasmic Reticulum Chaperone Alleviates Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiac Dysfunction”

7. Cardiovascular Clinical Research Investigator’s Award (6th)

**Clinical Research Investigator**

Kenichi Tsujita, MD, PhD  
*(Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Graduate School of Medical Sciences, Kumamoto University)*


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**Case Report**

[first place]

Tsunehisa Yamamoto, PhD  
*(Department of Cardiology, Keio University School of Medicine)*

“A Novel Mechanism of Atrioventricular Block Following Transcatheter Closure of an Atrial Septal Defect”

[second place] (in alphabetical order)

Yuta Torii, MS  
*(Ultrasound Examination Center, Tokushima University Hospital)*

“Left Ventricular Lipomatous Hamartoma Mimicking a Calcified Amorphous Tumor”

Kazutaka Ueda, MD, PhD  
*(Department of Cardiology, Tokyo Metropolitan Police Hospital / Department of Ubiquitous Preventive Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, The Tokyo University of Tokyo)*

“Cystic Tumour of the Atrioventricular Node: Can an Electrophysiological Study Predict Sudden Death?”

8. Cardiovascular Imaging Award (4th)

[first place] (in alphabetical order)

Tetsuya Hara, MD, PhD  
*(Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, Kobe University Graduated School of Medicine)*

“Intravascular Fibrin Molecular Imaging Improves the Detection of Unhealed Stents Assessed by Optical Coherence Tomography In Vivo”

Masanori Taniwaki  
*(Department of Cardiology, Tokorozawa Heart Center)*

“Mechanisms of Very Late Drug-Eluting Stent Thrombosis Assessed by Optical Coherence Tomography”

[second place]

Yoshinori Katsumata, MD, PhD  
*(Department of Cardiology, Keio University)*

“Visualization of In Vivo Metabolic Flows Reveals Accelerated Utilization of Glucose and Lactate in Penumbra of Ischemic Heart”

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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