



Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

Forward  Fund

Advancing Cancer Immunotherapy

SITC 2017

Award Ceremony

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017

Maryland Ballroom



About the Award Ceremony

The Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer's (SITC) 32nd Award Ceremony celebrates the achievements of current and future leaders in the cancer immunotherapy field.

The work of these dedicated individuals that include young investigators and luminaries in the field seeks to propel the field forward and build a solid foundation for future advances and soon, a cure.

About the *Forward* Fund

The future of cancer immunotherapy lies in research and education, primarily by early career scientists. The *Forward* Fund was established to stimulate the future of the science, development and application of cancer immunotherapy through financially supporting its education and research.

The *Forward* Fund provides grants that will help attract the brightest young minds in cancer and/or immunology research to the cancer immunotherapy domain. It informs those outside of the cancer immunotherapy field about the huge promise of this modality, which offers the potential of creating long-term remissions and/or prolongation of survival for people suffering from an expanding array of advanced cancer types.

The *Forward* Fund relies on the generosity of our members, foundations, industry partners and others to make these awards possible. Please contribute to ensure that we can keep providing these awards and ensure the future success of immunotherapy.

The *Forward* Fund is proud to financially support the Richard V. Smalley, MD Memorial Lectureship Award, the Presidential Award, Young Investigator Travel Awards, Named Postdoctoral Fellowships, and the SITC Sparkathon, as well as collaborative awards and fellowships.

32nd Award Ceremony

Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017

Maryland Ballroom • 6 – 6:30 p.m.

Welcome

Lisa H. Butterfield, PhD – SITC President

Presentation of Awards

2017 Connect-a-Colleague Top Referrer

2017 *Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer* Best Paper Awards

- JITC Best Basic Science Paper
- JITC Best Clinical/Translational Paper

2017 International Scholars

2017 Young Investigator Travel Awards

- SITC Abstract Travel Awards
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- SITC's Holbrook Kohrt, MD, PhD Cancer Immunotherapy Translational Memorial Fellowship Award (*sponsored by Genentech*)
- SITC-Merck Immunotherapy in Lung Cancer Clinical Fellowship Award

2017 Collaborative Award

- NCI Immunotherapy Fellowship

2017 SITC Public Service Award

2017 Richard V. Smalley, MD Memorial Lectureship Award

2017 SITC Presidential Award

The celebration continues immediately following tonight's Award Ceremony:

Poster Reception

Prince George's Exhibition Hall DE • 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

The CheckPoints Party

Maryland Ballroom • 8:30 – 11:30 p.m.



2017 Connect-a-Colleague Top Referrer



CONNECT
A COLLEAGUE

The Connect-a-Colleague campaign is designed to encourage members to personally reach out and invite potential members to join the society. An online tool makes it easy for members to refer multiple potential members at a time. New members are also encouraged to indicate SITC members who referred them for membership. Nearly 150 SITC members have participated in the campaign, referring 29% of all new members. This year's recipient has referred nine new members using the online tool.



Francesco M. Marincola, MD
AbbVie, Inc.

2017 *Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer* Best Paper Awards

The JITC Best Paper Awards celebrate excellence in scientific research and are awarded to researchers demonstrating leadership in the field as well as innovation and high-quality execution and discussion in their manuscripts. Papers published in the last 12 months authored by SITC members were eligible for nomination for this award.

JITC Best Basic Science Paper

Articles nominated in this category present innovative research in basic medical sciences that have a direct relevance to future research in clinical medicine.



Presented to First Author:



Genevieve M. Weir, PhD
ImmunoVaccine

“Anti-PD-1 increases the clonality and activity of tumor infiltrating antigen specific T cells induced by a potent immune therapy consisting of vaccine and metronomic cyclophosphamide”

Genevieve M. Weir, Olga Hrytsenko, Tara Quinton, Neil L. Berinstein,
Marianne M. Stanford and Marc Mansour
Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer 2016, 4:68 (18 October 2016)



2017 *Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer* Best Paper Awards *(continued)*

JITC Best Clinical/Translational Paper

Papers in this category present clinical research that has a clear potential to optimize patient care, with particular emphasis on high quality randomized controlled trials, novel combination treatments, therapies, novel diagnostic or prognostic insights and new insights into mechanism of action.



Presented to First Author:



Kristen M. Hege, MD
Celgene

“Safety, tumor trafficking and immunogenicity of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T cells specific for TAG-72 in colorectal cancer”

Kristen M. Hege, Emily K. Bergsland, George A. Fisher, John J. Nemunaitis, Robert S. Warren, James G. McArthur, Andy A. Lin, Jeffrey Schlom, Carl H. June and Stephen A. Sherwin
Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer 2017, 5:22 (21 March 2017)

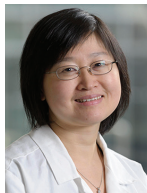
2017 International Scholars

The World Immunotherapy Council—a collaborative group of more than 20 organizations from the U.S. and abroad with a shared interest in promoting research and translation of cancer immunotherapy—selected the young investigators below to present during the 2nd World Immunotherapy Council Young Investigators Symposium, part of SITC's 32nd Annual Meeting & Pre-Conference Programs.

Chosen for exemplary work in the field, these scholars contributed insights and perspectives into future issues, challenges and improvements as cancer immunotherapy is integrated into mainstream cancer treatment.



Sarah Crome, PhD
*Canadian Cancer
Immunotherapy
Consortium
Canada*



Liang Deng
*Chinese American
Hematology
Oncology Network
(CAHON)
China*



Alessia Covre
*NIBIT Foundation
(Network Italiano
per la Bioterapia dei
Tumori)
Italy*



Fang Fang
*Chinese Society of
Immunology (CSI)
China*



Katalin Czirbesz
*National Institute of
Oncology, Budapest
Hungary*



Erika Fletcher
*Scandinavian
Network for
Immunotherapy of
Cancer (SNIC)
Sweden*



2017 International Scholars

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Daniel William
Fowler
*Institute for Cancer
Vaccines and
Immunotherapy
(ICVI)
United Kingdom*



Claudia Lennicke
*Tumor Immunology
Meets Oncology
(TIMO)
Germany*



Célia Jacobberger-
Foissac
*Cancer Drug
Development
Forum (Biotherapy
Development
Association)
Belgium*



Gitte Holmen
Olofsson
*Progress in
Vaccination Against
Cancer (PIVAC)
Denmark*



Alice O. Kamphorst
*Cancer Research
Institute (CRI)
United States*



Gemma Owens
*Adoptive Engineered
T Cell Targeting to
Activate Cancer
Killing (ATTACK)
United Kingdom*



Takahiro Karasaki
*Japanese
Association of
Cancer Immunology
(JACI)
Japan*



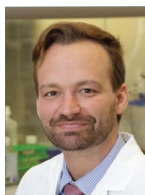
Roberta Zappasodi
*Society for
Immunotherapy of
Cancer (SITC)
United States*



Jan Willem
Kleinovink, MS
*Dutch Tumor
Immunology
Working Party
(DTIWP)
Netherlands*

2017 SITC Abstract Travel Awards

Created in 2007, the Abstract Travel Award highlights promising young investigators who submitted high-scoring abstracts to the SITC Annual Meeting, based on the quality of their research and potential to advance the field. In 2017, 32 young investigators will receive travel awards in the abstract travel and presidential travel categories.



Daniel Abate-Daga,
PhD
*H. Lee Moffitt
Cancer Center and
Research Institute*



Dana Emerson
*Oregon Health &
Science University*



Angela Boroughs
*Massachusetts
General Hospital
Harvard University*



Dan A. Erkes, PhD
*Thomas Jefferson
University*



Zinal Chheda, PhD
*University of
California, San
Francisco*



Jennifer Guerriero, PhD
*Dana-Farber Cancer
Institute*



Daniel Davila-
Gonzalez
Houston Methodist



Cara Haymaker, PhD
*University of Texas
MD Anderson
Cancer Center*

2017 SITC Abstract Travel Awards

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Tyler Hulett
*Earle A. Chiles
Research Institute*



Melissa Nixon, PhD
*Vanderbilt
University Medical
Center*



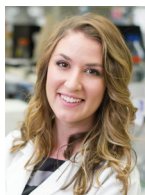
Steve Seung-Young
Lee, PhD
*University of
Chicago*



Maria Ormhoj, MSc
*University of
Southern Denmark
Massachusetts
General Hospital
Harvard Medical
School*



Thomas Marron,
MD, PhD
*Icahn School of
Medicine at Mount
Sinai*



Abigail Overacre-
Delgoffe
*University of
Pittsburgh*



Vyara Matson, PhD
*University of
Chicago*



Kelly Paulson, MD,
PhD
*Fred Hutchinson
Cancer Research
Center*



Marit Melssen
*University of
Virginia*



Weiyi Peng, MD, PhD
*University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer
Center*



Dayana Rivadeneira,
PhD
*University of
Pittsburgh*



Geeta Upadhyay,
PhD
*Lombardi
Comprehensive
Cancer Center
Georgetown
University Medical
Center*



Evanthia Roussos
Torres, MD, PhD
*Johns Hopkins
University*



Claire Vanpouille-
Box, PhD
*Weill Cornell
Medicine*



Irene Scarfò, PhD
*Massachusetts
General Hospital*



McLane Watson
*University of
Pittsburgh*



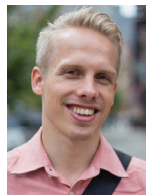
Elizabeth Sturgill,
PhD
*Providence Portland
Medical Center*



Spencer Wei, PhD
*University of Texas
MD Anderson
Cancer Center*



Jessica Thaxton,
PhD, MSCR
*Medical University
of South Carolina*



Erik Wennerberg, PhD
Weill Cornell Medicine

2017 SITC Presidential Travel Awards

Presidential Travel Award recipients' abstracts were the top scoring among those submitted for the Annual Meeting by young investigators, based on quality of research, excellence in results and methods, and the potential of their work to advance the field. Of the four recipients pictured below, one will be selected to receive the SITC Presidential Award.



Vinod Balachandran,
MD
*Memorial Sloan
Kettering Cancer
Center*



Brendan MacNabb
*University of
Chicago*



Ashvin R. Jaiswal,
MS
*University of Texas
MD Anderson
Cancer Center*



Sangeetha M.
Reddy, MD, MSci
*University of Texas
MD Anderson
Cancer Center*

2017 Presidential Award

Established in 1991, the SITC Presidential Award is the most prestigious Young Investigator Award and recognizes the young investigator deemed to have the most outstanding oral abstract presentation among those delivered in the Presidential Session of the SITC Annual Meeting.

The Presidential Award recipient will be announced at the end of tonight's ceremony.

2017 Sparkathon Cohort

SITC is excited to announce the 29 early career scientists who were selected to participate in the inaugural 2017 SITC Sparkathon Cohort.

These early career scientists provide diverse areas of expertise and represent numerous academic and medical institutions. During a two-day retreat held in August, the group explored critical hurdles that challenge the field of cancer immunotherapy. Following the retreat, the Sparkathon cohort launched a 12-18 month project to collaboratively solve these major issues, and will present their findings at SITC's 33rd Annual Meeting in November 2018.



Maria Ascierto, PhD
Johns Hopkins University



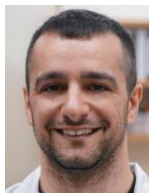
Rukmini Bhardwaj, PhD
U.S. Food and Drug Administration



Valentin Barsan, MD
University of California San Diego



Praveen Bommareddy, MS
Rutgers University



Sebastiano Battaglia, PhD
Roswell Park Cancer Institute



Alexandra Cadena,
BS/BA
University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

2017 Sparkathon Cohort

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Alexandria Cogdill,
MEng
*University of Texas
MD Anderson
Cancer Center*



Giedre Krenciute, PhD
*St. Jude Children's
Hospital*



Claire Friedman, MD
*Memorial Sloan
Kettering Cancer
Center*



Saman Maleki, PhD
*Lawson Health
Research Institute*



Cara Haymaker, PhD
*University of Texas
MD Anderson
Cancer Center*



Heather McGee,
MD, PhD
*Icahn School of
Medicine at Mount
Sinai*



Brian Henick, MD
Yale University



Mahmoud Mohamed,
R.Ph, MSC
*Hamad Women's
Hospital*



Uqba Khan, MD
*St. John Hospital &
Medical Center*



Anne Monette, PhD
*University of
Montreal,
CHUM Research
Center
Montreal Cancer
Institute*



Yana Najjar, MD
*University of
Pittsburgh*



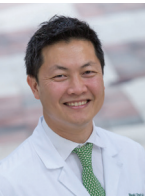
Marco Ruella, MD
*University of
Pennsylvania*



David Page, MD
*Earle A. Chiles
Research Institute
Providence Cancer
Center*



Houssein Sater, MD
*National Cancer
Institute*



Wungki Park, MD
University of Miami



Randy Sweis, MD
*University of
Chicago*



Vinita Popat, BA
*UT Southwestern
Medical Center*



Nicholas Tschernia,
MD
*University of
Rochester Medical
Center*



Nils-Petter Rudqvist,
PhD
*Weill Cornell
Medicine*



Sara Valpione, MD,
PhD
*The Christie NHS
Foundation Trust*



2017 Sparkathon Cohort

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Claire Vanpouille-Box, PhD
*Weill Cornell
Medicine*



Roberta Zappasodi,
PhD
*Memorial Sloan
Kettering Cancer
Center*



Erik Wennerberg,
PhD
*Weill Cornell
Medicine*



Matching Donation Challenge

Making the Sparkathon even more thrilling is how it is funded. All donations made to SITC's *Forward* Fund will be matched by an anonymous foundation.

Stop by the SITC Merchandise Desk to make a donation or visit the website below to double your impact.

Your donation will help provide a unique opportunity for SITC's early career professionals to tackle the biggest hurdles challenging the future of cancer immunotherapy. Consider making a pledge or contribution to the *Forward* Fund – make twice the impact and a lasting difference for the future of cancer immunotherapy.

Make a donation at: bit.ly/Sparkathon

As a 501 (c) (3) organization, donations made to SITC are tax deductible as a charitable contribution to the extent allowed by law.

2017 Cancer Immunotherapy Fellowship Awards

SITC is proud to announce the recipients of the SITC 2017 Cancer Immunotherapy Fellowship Awards. The fellowship award program was established through SITC's *Forward Fund* to support the development of young investigators in the field in order to cultivate the next generation of cancer immunotherapy experts.

SITC would like to thank Genentech, Merck & Co., Inc. and the NCI Center for Cancer Research, who helped to make these awards possible.

SITC's Holbrook Kohrt MD, PhD Cancer Immunotherapy Translational Memorial Fellowship Award *(sponsored by Genentech)*



Nathan Singh, MD, MS
University of Pennsylvania

"Enhancing CAR T cell efficacy by disrupting immune inhibition "

SITC-Merck Immunotherapy in Lung Cancer Clinical Fellowship Award



Arnab Ghosh, MD, PhD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

"Enhancing antitumor immunity mediated by costimulatory agents through reprogramming myeloid infiltrating cells "



2017 Collaborative Award

NCI Immunotherapy Fellowship

This award, co-sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) of the National Institutes of Health and SITC and made possible in part by a grant from EMD Serono, provides a young investigator with an opportunity to further their education and experience in the field of cancer immunotherapy.

This fellow will have exposure to multiple clinical immunotherapeutic approaches, and also to key opinion leaders in the field of clinical immunotherapy during this one year program at the CCR in Bethesda, MD.



Ariel E. Marciscano, MD
Johns Hopkins University

SITC



Fellowship Award

2018 Cancer Immunotherapy Fellowship Opportunities

SITC is proud to announce that we will be offering the following fellowships in 2018 made possible through the generosity and partnership of the organizations outlined below. More information about these awards, including the submission timeline, criteria and deadlines, will be released in December 2017 on the SITC website. The submission site will open mid-January 2018.

2018 SITC-AstraZeneca Postdoctoral Cancer Immunotherapy in Combination Therapies Clinical Fellowship Award

This one-year, named cancer immunotherapy clinical fellowship award aims to provide support for an individual who has a vested interest in furthering the research and translation of combination strategies and therapies in cancer immunotherapy.

2018-2020 SITC-Bristol-Myers Squibb Postdoctoral Cancer Immunotherapy Translational Fellowship Award

This two-year, named cancer immunotherapy translational fellowship award will help to support the development of the next generation of immunotherapy experts who have a vested interest in furthering the research and translation of cancer immunotherapy.



2017 SITC Public Service Award

The SITC Public Service Award honors an individual or group that has made substantial contributions to fostering and enhancing the field of cancer immunotherapy through increasing public understanding and awareness, research efforts, and/or funding for cancer immunotherapy.

This year, SITC would like to recognize Mr. Sean Parker for his efforts in championing cancer immunotherapy through the development of The Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy and for increasing the public's understanding and awareness of cancer immunotherapy.



Sean Parker

Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy

2017 Richard V. Smalley, MD Memorial Lectureship Award

About the Smalley Award



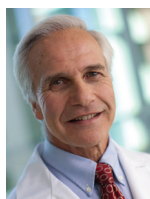
As one of the society's charter members, *Richard V. Smalley, MD* was an integral part of the SITC fabric from its inception. Dr. Smalley served on the original Board of Directors from 1984-1990, where he also served as the society's third President from 1988 – 1990, leading the society through some of its most

formative years. SITC's success is due in large part to the consummate dedication and leadership of *Richard V. Smalley, MD*.

Established in 2005, the Richard V. Smalley, MD Memorial Award is presented each year to a luminary in the field that has significantly contributed to the advancement of cancer immunotherapy research. The award serves to honor those that have been pioneers in their work and made a notable impact worthy of high regard and recognition by their peers. Named in memory of former society President and SITC charter member, Richard V. Smalley, MD, this is the society's most prestigious award.

SITC is proud to recognize Paul M. Sondel, MD, PhD, the Reed and Carolee Walker Professor and Director of Research for the Division of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant at the University of Wisconsin – Madison (UW) as the 2017 Richard V. Smalley, MD Memorial Lectureship Award recipient.

About Dr. Sondel



Dr. Sondel's career has focused on basic, translational and clinical cancer immunotherapy since beginning lab-studies in 1969. He completed both undergraduate (1971) and PhD degrees in Genetics (1975) at UW, with guidance from Bone Marrow Transplant pioneer, Fritz Bach, MD, helping to demonstrate the

distinct immunological roles of MHC class-I and II molecules.

With additional lab training in T-cell recognition of leukemia at the Dana Farber Center with Drs. Leonard Chess and Stuart



2017 Richard V. Smalley, MD Memorial Lectureship Award

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Schlossman, he received his MD magna cum laude in 1977 from Harvard Medical School. Following residencies at the Universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin, he joined the UW faculty in 1980 in the Departments of Pediatrics, Human Oncology and Genetics. His laboratory has pursued graft-versus-leukemia reactions, activation of anti-tumor immune destruction with interleukin-2, the use of tumor reactive monoclonal antibodies to facilitate tumor killing by cytokine activated leukocytes, the development of mAb-IL2 fusion proteins (immunocytokines), the role of genotypes for killer immunoglobulin-like receptors (KIR) and their ligands in clinical responses to mAb-based immunotherapy and combination immunotherapy strategies to activate both innate and adaptive immunity via in situ vaccination. These studies have all moved into clinical testing, some in children through the Children's Oncology Group (COG), and some in adults at the UW Carbone Cancer Center, with some demonstrating clear clinical benefit. This includes the COG collaborative development of dinutuximab + IL2 + GM-CSF for children with high-risk neuroblastoma, approved by the FDA in 2015. He has published more than 370 scientific articles and chapters, and has trained more than 60 graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in his lab. He enjoys biking and canoeing; but most of all, he and his wife of 44 years (Sherie) love being parents and grandparents.

Honors & Affiliations

He has held multiple national committee and leadership roles, including at The National Institutes of Health, The American Cancer Society, The Children's Oncology Group, The National Cancer Institute, the SITC Board and St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. He has been a scholar of the Leukemia Society of America, a member of The American Society for Clinical Investigation, the recipient of several named lectureships and recently received a 7-year Outstanding Investigator Award from the National Cancer Institute.

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