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Society for Vascular Ultrasound Awards and Fellow Elevations at 2013 Annual Conference in San Francisco

LANHAM, MD, June 22, 2013 – During its highly attended 2013 Annual Conference, May 30 – June 1 in San Francisco, the Society for Vascular Ultrasound (SVU) elevated two exemplary members to Fellow. In addition, SVU presented several awards to designate fine service to the organization and to the vascular ultrasound profession. Other awards recognized strong presentations given at the Annual Conference.

FELLOWS

The Fellows Subcommittee, chaired by Vice President David Parlato, made the recommendation to elevate Dr. Steven Leers and Anne Musson to SVU Fellow. The SVU Board concurred with the decision and Steven Leers, MD, RVT, FSVU and Anne Musson, BS, RVT, FSVU were announced as the newest SVU Fellows at the 2013 SVU Annual Conference. David Parlato said this of the Fellows announcement: *“SVU Fellowship is the highest membership honor we can bestow on one of our peers, and represents not only distinguished contribution to the field of vascular technology but dedicated leadership and service to our Society. Dr. Leers and Ms. Musson have represented the profession and the SVU estimably over their careers, and the Society is proud to have them join our distinguished ranks as Fellows of the Society for Vascular Ultrasound.”*

Dr. Steven Leers serves as Associate Professor of Surgery and Medical Director of the UPMC Vascular Laboratories, UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute in Pittsburgh, PA. Dr. Leers’ service to SVU includes serving as Course Co-Director of the RPVI refresher course and as the Physician Representative on the SVU Board of Directors.

Ms. Anne Musson serves as the Director of the Vascular Technology Training Program at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. Ms. Musson is also on the Clinical Faculty in the Department

of Vascular Ultrasound, College of Health Sciences at Rush University. Anne has been an active member of SVU since its inception in 1977. Anne's SVU service includes formerly serving as eSpectrum Editor and current contributions on the JVU Editorial Review Board.

2013 SVU SERVICE AWARDS

Professional Achievement Award: Recipient was **Bob Scissons, RVT, FSVU**. Bob has been a presence in the vascular ultrasound field for over three decades and is highly respected by his peers, as well as, the broad audience of vascular professionals who have benefited from his expertise. This award was sponsored by Philips Healthcare.

Certificate of Appreciation Award: **Patrick DeMuth, BS, RVT** was presented a Certificate of Appreciation Award for his contributions and leadership in making the SVU Webinar Series a popular and highly valued member benefit.

2013 SVU SCIENTIFIC AWARDS

D.E. STRANDNESS, MD SCIENTIFIC AWARD

The **D.E. Strandness, MD, Scientific Award for Excellence in Vascular Research** was presented to **William Schroedter BS, RVT, RPhS, FSVU** for his paper on "Presence of Lower Extremity Venous Pulsatility is NOT Due to Cardiac Dysfunction." This annual award, sponsored this year by Parks Medical Electronics, is in honor of the "Father of Noninvasive Diagnosis", D.E. Strandness, MD, who died in 2002.

ORAL CLINICAL PRESENTATION AWARD

LeAnn A. Chavez, MD received the **Excellence in Oral Clinical Presentation Award** for her scientific paper on "Expanding the Role of the Vascular Technologist to Interprofessional Education." This award was sponsored by Navix Diagnostix, Inc.

PHYSICIAN PRESENTER AWARD

Zsolt Garami, MD received the **Physician Presenter Award** for his paper on "Transcranial Doppler Findings in Heart Failure Patients with Left Ventricular Assist Devices (LVAD)." This award was sponsored by the Greater Boston Vascular Technologists.

FIRST TIME PRESENTER AWARD

The recipient of the **First Time Presenter Award** is **Meghan Kampmann, BS, RVT** for her paper on "A Novel Method of Measuring Thrombus Volume in Patients with Acute Deep Vein Thrombosis." This award was sponsored by the ONKIVT & KVS SVU Chapters.

EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL CASE STUDY POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD

Paula Walsh, MM, RVT, RDMS, RDCS received the **Clinical Case Study Poster Presentation Award** for her poster on "Bilateral Upper Extremity Arterial Stenoses." This award was sponsored by DataStar Systems, Inc.

EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD

Melanie Kinkler received the Student Poster Presentation Award for her poster on "Postoperative Aortic Pseudoaneurysm." This award was sponsored by the North Jersey Vascular Association (NJVA).

2013 SVU AFFILIATED CHAPTER AWARDS

The recipient of the **Affiliated Chapter of the Year Award** certificate is **North Jersey Vascular Association (NJVA)** in recognition of continued excellence in promoting the vascular ultrasound profession to ultrasound professionals in the North Jersey area through education, communication and support of the Society for Vascular Ultrasound.

The recipient of the **Outstanding Affiliated Chapter Individual Recognition Award** is **William LeClair, AS, RVT**. William was recognized for his humility, honesty, follow through, and willingness to support innovation and sustainability of chapters.

SVU encourages sonographers and vascular technologists to join us making magic at the 2014 SVU Annual Conference, August 6-9, 2014, at the Walt Disney World® Contemporary Resort, FL. For more information on SVU and its educational meetings, see www.svunet.org.

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Founded in 1977, the Society for Vascular Ultrasound (SVU) is the only professional organization completely dedicated to the advancement of non-invasive vascular technology used in the diagnosis and treatment of vascular disease. SVU is comprised of more than 5,600 vascular technologists, physicians, and other allied health professionals. SVU offers vascular ultrasound educational programs, webinars, publications, networking opportunities, and legislative/regulatory advocacy representation. SVU publishes the *Journal for Vascular Ultrasound*; a unique and well-respected quarterly scientific journal dedicated to vascular ultrasound, and *e-Spectrum*, a monthly electronic newsletter. Visit SVU at www.svunet.org.

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