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## **Society for Vascular Ultrasound Awards and Fellow Elevations at 2016 Annual Conference in Chicago**

**LANHAM, MD, September 12, 2016** – During its successful and highly engaging 2016 Annual Conference, August 11-13, 2016, in Chicago, the Society for Vascular Ultrasound (SVU) elevated three 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 Joseph P. Hughes, made the recommendation to elevate **Anita Harrington, MS RDMS RVT** and **Julia Dmitrieva, DBA RDCS RDMS RVT**, to SVU Fellow. The SVU Board concurred with the decision and these individuals were announced as the newest SVU Fellows at the 2016 SVU Annual Conference. Ms. Harrington is Senior Vascular Technologist at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, MA. Ms. Dmitrieva is the Senior Product Manager at Philips.

### **2016 SVU SCIENTIFIC AWARDS**

**Professional Achievement Awards** recipients were **Douglas Wooster, MD FREAC FACS RPVI RVT** and **Jennifer VanderPoel, Med RDCS RVT**. Dr. Wooster research interests include standards and quality initiatives, guideline development and implementation, indications and outcomes, educational strategies and curriculum, as well as specific findings in all aspects of vascular ultrasound. Dr. Wooster has served as an independent advisor and presented a comprehensive outline of the training and continuing professional development of vascular ultrasound imaging professionals. Jennifer began teaching at Grand Valley State University in 2006 and developed the Vascular Technology curriculum. Her students attest to the high quality education received at the University which is demonstrated by their 97 percent RVT pass rate over the last three years. Jennifer started the Great Lakes Cardiovascular

Imaging Society and hosts an annual cardiac and vascular case studies conference in which all graduating students present oral case studies. Jennifer is a loyal member of SVU and encourages all of her students to reap the benefits of membership. Jennifer has dedicated her life to educating well rounded and dedicated RVTs. *This award was sponsored by HPSO.*

#### **D.E. STRANDNESS, MD SCIENTIFIC AWARD**

The **D.E. Strandness, MD, Scientific Award for Excellence in Vascular Research** was presented to **Douglas Wooster, MD FREAC FACS RPVI RVT** for his paper on "Applying Criterion Based Indications for Vascular Studies: Planning Quality Improvement." This annual award is in honor of the "Father of Noninvasive Diagnosis", D.E. Strandness, MD, who died in 2002. *This award was sponsored by Parks Medical Electronics.*

#### **ORAL CLINICAL PRESENTATION AWARD**

**Patricia Vargas, DHSc RVT** received the **Excellence in Oral Clinical Presentation Award** for her scientific paper on "Ocular Blood Flow in Central Retinal Artery During a Randomized Controlled Trial of Electrostimulation Therapies for Retinitis Pigmentosa." *This award was sponsored by Navix Diagnostix, Inc.*

#### **MEMBER FIRST-TIME PRESENTER AWARD**

The recipient of the **Member First-Time Presenter Award** is **Jill Bearse, BS FTP RVT** for her paper on "Case Report of Paradoxical Embolism: Clinical Diagnosis Based on Multi-Modality Imaging."

#### **CLINICAL CASE STUDY POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD**

**Dianne Masri, BS MA RDMS RVT** received the **Excellence in Clinical Case Study Poster Presentation Award** for her poster on "Diagnosis of Congenital Absence of the Left Common Carotid Artery by Ultrasound in a Patient with Right-Sided Aortic Arch."

#### **PHYSICIAN PRESENTER AWARD**

The **Physician Presenter Award** was presented to **Douglas Wooster, MD FREAC FACS RPVI RVT** for his paper on "Pattern Analysis of LEVT Implications for Point of Care Ultrasound Protocols."

#### **STUDENT POSTER PRESENTATION AWARD**

**Cristina Madoch** received the **Student Poster Presentation Award** for her poster on "Carotid Artery Duplex Exam Post Head and Neck Radiotherapy." *This award was sponsored by Inside Ultrasound.*

#### **ORAL CASE STUDY PRESENTATION AWARD**

**Jill Bearse, BS FTP RVT** received the **Excellence in Oral Case Study Presentation Award** for her paper on "Case Report of Paradoxical Embolism: Clinical Diagnosis Based on Multi-Modality Imaging." *This award was sponsored by Pegasus Lectures.*

#### **STUDENT ORAL PRESENTER AWARD**

**Damaris Gonzalez Mejia, BS RVT RDMS** received the **Student Oral Presenter Award** for her paper on "Ultrasound Detects Endoleak after Endovascular Repair of Popliteal Aneurysm."

SVU encourages sonographers and vascular technologists to join us at the 2017 SVU Annual Conference, August 3-5, Lake Buena Vista, FL. For more information on SVU and its educational meetings, please visit [www.svunet.org](http://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](http://www.svunet.org).

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