
Northwestern Cardiovascular Young Investigators' Forum



Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday, June 6, 2008

The Allerton Hotel Chicago
Chicago, Illinois
October 2-5, 2008

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A Message from the Chairman

Dear Colleague:

I am delighted to introduce you to the **Northwestern Cardiovascular Young Investigators' Forum**, which will take place at The Allerton Hotel Chicago from October 2-5, 2008. This forum is sponsored by Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute of Northwestern Memorial Hospital and is supported by an educational grant from AstraZeneca. The forum provides a unique and valuable educational opportunity for Young Investigators in cardiology, heart failure, atherosclerosis, hypertension, thrombosis, and nephrology. It is a showcase for young physician-scientists (MD, DO, MD/PhD) in both clinical and basic science cardiovascular research.

This is a competitive event that offers US-based Young Investigators in cardiovascular diseases the opportunity to submit abstracts of their basic science or clinical research to expert faculty with in-depth knowledge of cardiovascular research. The faculty will evaluate the research and select the top 40 abstracts (20 Fellows, 20 Junior Faculty) for formal presentation at the forum. The submitting authors of these abstracts will be provided with support to attend the 3-day program to present their research. These presentations will be divided into clinical and basic science research categories. Fellows and Junior Faculty in each of these categories will present their research to the faculty panel. The faculty will evaluate all presentations, discuss the research in an open forum at the conference, and will collectively select the top 3 presenters in each of the following 4 categories:

Clinical Research

- Fellows
- Junior Faculty

Basic Science Research

- Fellows
- Junior Faculty

Within each of these 4 categories, first-place winners will each receive a \$1500 grant, second-place winners will each receive a \$1000 grant, and third-place winners will each receive a \$500 grant. Grants will be paid through the respective presenters' institution and are to be used for current or future cardiovascular research.

In addition to the individual prizes, the top presenter in the Junior Faculty Basic Science and Junior Faculty Clinical Research categories will each be presented with the Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigators Research Award, an award of achievement representing excellence, commitment, and promise in the field of cardiovascular research. This award is a \$10,000 grant, paid through the respective institution, and must be used on current or future cardiovascular research.

This unique forum not only serves as an educational platform for cardiovascular Young Investigators, but also as a valuable networking opportunity. Participants in previous years have found this to be an exceptionally rewarding experience. Additional information can be obtained by contacting MaryAnn McCluskey of STI at (973) 376-5655, ext 221, or MaryAnnM@stimedinfo.com.

On behalf of the faculty, I encourage you to submit your research abstract and I look forward to seeing you at this high-quality program.

Sincerely,



Robert O. Bonow, MD
Program Chairman

Forum Faculty

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Program Information

Abstract Submission Deadline

- All abstracts must be received by the close of business on **Friday, June 6, 2008**.

Eligibility

- US-based Fellows and Junior Faculty physicians* (MDs and DOs), with or without PhD degrees, involved in cardiovascular research (cardiology, heart failure, nephrology, thrombosis, atherosclerosis, hypertension, etc) are eligible
- Fellows must be currently enrolled (as of June 30, 2008) in any cardiovascular fellowship (clinical or basic research) program. **PhD research Fellows are not eligible**
- Candidates must be based in the United States to be eligible (training must be completed at US-based institution)
- All work must be unpublished original research in an area related to cardiovascular disease, with emphasis on cardiology, heart failure, hypertension, atherosclerosis, thrombosis, and nephrology research. Please note: publication of research as an abstract alone does not preclude eligibility; however, an abstract will not be accepted if it has been published as an article by October 2, 2008
- Abstracts/papers to be presented at future medical meetings are eligible for submission.

**Junior Faculty are individuals with an MD, DO, MD/PhD who have completed their fellowship within the past 5 years and have an appointment of Assistant Professor or below or are in clinical practice.*

Abstract Policies and Procedures

- **One submission per Young Investigator will be accepted**
- Abstracts must conform exactly to the abstract preparation instructions. Those that do not may be rejected
- Only original work done by Young Investigators will be accepted
- All accepted abstracts will be published in a program workbook. The publication of this workbook will not preclude publication or presentation elsewhere.

Selection Process

- Submission deadline is Friday, June 6, 2008; Investigators will be notified of acceptance in early-July 2008
- Robert O. Bonow, MD, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and a distinguished faculty of cardiovascular researchers with expertise in basic and clinical research will review all submissions
- Authors of the 40 abstracts selected for presentation at the Northwestern Cardiovascular Young Investigators' Forum will be expected to present their research according to their status at the time the research was completed (ie, if research was conducted during fellowship training it will be presented in the Fellows' category)
- All presentations will be podium format and will consist of a formal presentation and question-and-answer period.

Finalists

The 40 finalists (authors of accepted abstracts) will be provided with the following:

- One (1) round-trip, economy-class ticket to Chicago, Illinois
- Reimbursement for ground transfers in Chicago
- 3 nights' lodging (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)
- All group meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for the duration of the meeting.

Please note, expenses for accompanying travelers will not be provided. Guests are not permitted to attend any portion of the program including meals.

Awards

- An awards ceremony will be held on Saturday evening, at which time award winners in each category for first prize (\$1500/recipient), second prize (\$1000/recipient), and third prize (\$500/recipient) will be announced, along with the recipients of the Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award (\$10,000/recipient).

Additional Call for Abstracts Brochures

- Additional brochures can be downloaded from the STI web site at <http://www.stimedinfo.com/2631.htm>, or obtained directly by contacting MaryAnn McCluskey, Senior Account Director, at (973) 376-5655, ext 221, or MaryAnnM@stimedinfo.com.

Instructions for Abstract Preparation and Submission

1. **IDENTIFICATION:** Your submission **MUST** include the following information:

- Full name, degree(s)
- Mailing address (must be valid for both US mail and FedEx deliveries – no PO box numbers)
- Daytime telephone, fax, pager, E-mail
- Current institution (where fellowship is being conducted)
- Previous institution (if applicable) (where research was conducted)
- Submitting author type: Fellow or Junior Faculty
- Study type: clinical or basic science

2. **FORMAT:** Abstracts should consist of a brief title (**bold**, Initial Capitals), descriptive of the research. Include first and last names and degrees of the authors. Underline the presenting author's name and list the name and location of the institution where research was completed. Do not identify authors in the body of the abstract. Sans serif font (such as Arial or Helvetica) is preferred. Do not use font sizes smaller than 10 point. **Abstract text must be 500 words or fewer. No more than a total of 4 figures and/or tables per submission are permitted.**

Organize the body of the abstract in the following manner:

- a) A sentence stating the purpose of the study, unless stated in the title
- b) A brief statement of methods, if pertinent
- c) A summary of results
- d) A statement of conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state, "The results will be discussed."

3. **SUBMISSION:**

E-MAIL: Forward an E-mail with the abstract attached as a Microsoft Word Version 6.0 or higher document to: **abstracts@stimedinfo.com**.

If you are unable to save in Word Version 6.0 or higher, please save your abstract in a text format. All identification information listed above **MUST** be included in the body of your E-mail or at the top of your abstract. Those that do not have complete identification information may not be accepted. The subject line of your E-mail **must** read: **"Your Last Name, Dept 2631"**

Note: If your abstract contains a figure, attach a separate graphics file (Windows bmp, gif, or jpeg) to your E-mail. No more than a total of 4 figures and/or tables per submission are permitted.

FAX: If you cannot E-mail your submission, please fax a copy of your abstract to **(973) 376-0611**, attention: **NWU Cardiovascular Young Investigators' Forum, Dept 2631**. Font size smaller than 10 point will not be accepted.

4. **NOTIFICATION:**

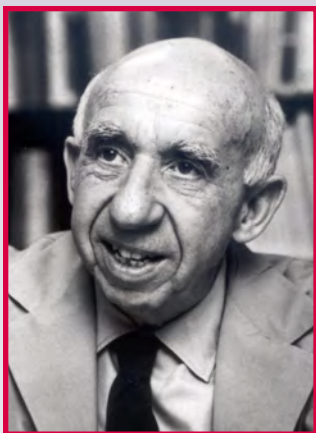
- **Abstract Receipt:** Notification of abstract receipt will be provided to you via E-mail or fax. Please do not call
- **Abstract Acceptance:** Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection will be provided to you via mail in early-July. Please do not call.

The Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award

In 2005, the **Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award** was established to honor Dr Jeremiah Stamler and the tremendous influence he has had on cardiovascular research and preventive medicine. The top presenters in each of the Junior Faculty Basic Science and Junior Faculty Clinical Research categories will each be presented with this award of achievement representing excellence, commitment, and promise in the field of cardiovascular research. This award is a \$10,000 grant that must be used directly to assist the recipients in current or future cardiovascular research studies.

Consideration for the **Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award** follows the same abstract application and submission process necessary for selection as a finalist in the Northwestern Cardiovascular Young Investigators' Forum. The evaluation, deliberation, and awarding of this grant are solely the responsibility of the independent faculty and chairperson of the program. Presentation of this award will be made at the forum's awards ceremony.

Jeremiah Stamler, MD



Dr Jeremiah Stamler has been a part of Northwestern University's medical school community since 1958, when he first joined the Department of Medicine as an Assistant Professor. He went on to become a full Professor and the first Chair of the newly created Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine in 1972, a position he held for 16 years. In addition, Dr Stamler was the distinguished Dingman Professor of Cardiology at the medical school from 1973 to 1990 and served as Chair of the Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, before becoming Professor Emeritus. Throughout his tenure at the medical school, Dr Stamler has substantially advanced cardiovascular disease prevention and treatment. His leadership – local, national, and international since the 1950s — in preventive clinical trials, population-based research, and public policy is ongoing. In his present active involvement in several large-scale, long-term studies, he continues both to be extraordinarily productive personally, and to enhance the research capabilities and career development of younger collaborators — an important aspect of Dr Stamler's contribution throughout these decades.

Past recipients of the **Jeremiah Stamler Distinguished Young Investigator Research Award** include:

2005 Recipients:

Hossein Ardehali, MD, PhD
*Northwestern University
Chicago, IL*

Nona Sotoodehnia, MD, MPH
*University of Washington
Seattle, WA*

2006 Recipients:

Sandeep Gupta, MD
*University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN*

Umberto Campia, MD
*Cardiovascular Research
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2007 Recipients:

Abhinav Dinan, MD
*University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH*

Abhinav Goyal, MD, MHS
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