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Society of Interventional Radiology Foundation Names Jeanne M. LaBerge 2011 Dotter Lecturer

University of California–San Francisco Professor Honored for Extraordinary Contributions to Interventional Radiology; Foundation Also Announces Leaders in Innovation, Dr. Gary J. Becker Young Investigator and Resident/Medical Student Awards

CHICAGO, Ill. (March 29, 2011)—Jeanne M. LaBerge, M.D., FSIR, a clinician researcher and professor for more than 20 years at the University of California–San Francisco, delivered the 2011 Dr. Charles T. Dotter Lecture at the Society of Interventional Radiology's 36th Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago, Ill. This lecture, named for one of the founding fathers of interventional radiology, is supported by the SIR Foundation and acknowledges an interventional radiologist's extraordinary contributions to the field, dedicated service to SIR and distinguished career achievements in interventional radiology. LaBerge's topic for the 27th annual Dotter lecture was "Data Integration in IR—A Pressing Challenge for Our Time."

LaBerge was selected to present this year's lecture, said SIR President James F. Benenati M.D., FSIR, "in recognition of her tireless efforts, throughout her career—in research and as a developer of educational ideas, tools and methods." Benenati, who represents the national organization of nearly 4,700 doctors, scientists and allied health professionals dedicated to improving health care through minimally invasive treatments, called LaBerge "a talented, brilliant interventionalist who is a warm and compassionate person. She brings out the best in everyone and leads by example, and her example is to accept nothing short of excellence."

LaBerge is known for her interest in education and training, as well as for her clinical interests in portal hypertension and hepatobiliary interventional radiology. She has assumed several prominent roles within radiology leadership, such as her selection to the American Board of Radiology board of trustees. She was recently selected as a member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Residency Review Committee for diagnostic radiology.

Her major contributions within SIR leadership have been in the development of an original syllabus series, the categorical course case-based review series and the film panel at Annual Scientific Meetings. She served as chair of the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting and is a member of the SIR Foundation board of directors and chair of its Data Integration Division.

2011 Leaders in Innovation Award

Scott O. Trerotola, M.D., FSIR, **FACR,** the Stanley Baum professor of radiology and professor of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in Philadelphia, is the recipient of this year's Leaders in Innovation Award, which recognizes an individual who has conceptualized and implemented an idea that has had an impact on the practice of interventional radiology.

Trerotola, who is also associate chair and chief of vascular and interventional radiology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, holds eight patents on devices for interventional procedures. His extensive contributions to the field of hemodialysis access interventions have helped shape the role of interventional radiology in this field. Trerotola was a member of the SIR Executive Council from 1998–2004 and served as the 2001 Annual Scientific Meeting chair. He has served on the editorial board of every major radiology journal and continues to be an active reviewer for multiple radiology and nephrology journals. Trerotola received his medical degree in 1986 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Gary J. Becker Young Investigator Award

William T. Kuo, M.D., assistant professor and fellowship director of vascular and interventional radiology at Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, Calif., is the recipient of the Dr. Gary J. Becker Young Investigator Award, named for the founding editor of the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology. Kuo's manuscript, "Photothermal Ablation With the Excimer Laser Sheath Technique for Embedded IVC Filter Removal: Initial Results From a Prospective Study," was chosen as a prime example of the promotion of academic research among young interventional radiologists.

Kuo is an international authority on catheter-directed treatment of acute pulmonary embolism and complex inferior vena cava filter retrieval. He has pioneered the use of endovascular laser technology for complex filter retrieval, and his team at Stanford is the first in the world to successfully use this innovative procedure in humans. Kuo has applied his expertise to treat many patients from around the country, and he has established the Stanford IVC Filter Clinic as a national and international referral center for the management of filter-related complications.

He received his bachelor of science degree from Duke University, Durham, N.C., and his medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Resident/Fellow Research Award

The 2011 Resident/Fellow Research Awards recognize high-quality research by trainees and provide radiology residents and interventional radiology fellows an opportunity to attend and present their scientific research at SIR's Annual Scientific Meeting.

This year's awards to will be presented on March 30 during "The (Sterile) Gloves Are Off: Live Debate on IR Controversies" plenary session to **Sarah Beth White**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., "Treatment of HCC With an Ultrasound Sensitive Polymeric Drug Carrier in a Rat Model"; **Manon Buijs**, Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Baltimore, Md., "Anti-Glycolytic Therapy Combined With an Image-guided Minimally Invasive Delivery Strategy for the Treatment of Breast Cancer"; and **Samdeep Mouli**, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Ill., "Electro-nanotherapy: A Novel Locoregional Therapy for Liver Tumors."

Dr. Constantin Cope Medical Student Research Award

Six medical students received the Dr. Constantin Cope Medical Student Research Award, which recognizes high-quality research presented at the SIR Annual Scientific Meeting by medical students. This year's award recipients are

- **Andrew Gordon**, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, Ill., "Magnetic Yttrium Microparticles for Localized Hyperthermia: In Vivo Feasibility Study in the N1-S1 Rat Hepatoma Model,"
- **David Magill**, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, Ill., "The Timing of Electroporation After Delivery of Therapeutic Nanoparticles Affects Drug Uptake in VX2 Tumors,"
- **Premal Trivedi**, Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, D.C., "Hospital Mortality and Complications of Embolization or Surgical Clipping of Acquired Peripheral Arteriovenous Fistulas,"
- **Natanel Jourabchi**, David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, "Bio-equivalency of ECG-synchronized Irreversible Electroporation (esIRE) and Non-synchronized IRE (nsIRE) Ablation in a Porcine Animal Model,"
- **Farres Ahmed**, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, Colo., "What Variables Predict the Need for Revisions in Patients Undergoing TIPS With PTFE-covered Stents?" and
- **Keith Chan**, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., "Common Iliac Vein Stenosis: A Risk Factor for Oral Contraceptive-induced Deep Vein Thrombosis."

For more information about these awards or to learn more about the Society of Interventional Radiology Foundation, visit online at www.SIRFoundation.org.

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The Society of Interventional Radiology is holding its 36th Annual Scientific Meeting March 26–31 at McCormick Place (West Building) in Chicago, Ill. The theme of the meeting is "IR Rising: Leading Image-guided Medicine," chosen to reflect interventional radiology's continued revolutionizing of modern medicine.

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