Recipients of the 2007 New Investigator Awards

This is the second year of competition for ATVB New Investigator Awards. The Awards recognize papers published in ATVB in 2006 that were submitted by new investigators and judged to be the most outstanding in the Atherosclerosis/Lipoprotein, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology sections of the journal. The three awards are named for Dr Daniel Steinberg, who devised a method to determine the site of degradation of the proteins and lipids of a lipoprotein, which led to the concept of selective uptake of cholesterol and apoprotein that characterizes the reverse cholesterol transport pathway; Dr Karl Link, who identified dicoumarol as the hemorrhagic factor in spoiled sweet clover hay, and then developed dicoumarol and warfarin as anticoagulant drugs; and Dr Werner Risau, who formulated key concepts for the regulation of angiogenesis, challenged the prevailing dogmas about angiogenic factors, and proposed the now accepted hypothesis that several growth factors act sequentially to mediate vasculogenesis, angiogenesis, and vascular remodeling.

In the second year of the award, 744 papers were submitted for the Awards. Recipients of the awards are:


Jacob Bentzon, MD, Aarhus University Hospital (Skejby), the 2007 recipient of the Daniel Steinberg New Investigator Award in Atherosclerosis/Lipoproteins, for his paper “Smooth Muscle Cells in Arteriosclerosis Originate From the Local Vessel Wall and Not Circulating Progenitor Cells in ApoE Knockout Mice” (Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol. 2006;26:2696 to 2702).

Cuihua Zhang, MD, PhD, Texas A&M University, the 2007 recipient of the Werner Risau New Investigator Award in Vascular Biology, for her paper “TNF-α Contributes to Endothelial Dysfunction in Ischemia/Reperfusion Injury” (Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol. 2006;26:475–480).

The recipients will be honored at the 8th Annual Conference on Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, and will receive a plaque, travel support (provided by the ATVB Council), and a check for $2500, provided by Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins.

The Editors congratulate the recipients of the Awards for their outstanding papers!
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