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**CARDIOVASCULAR**  
COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

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**SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY ANNOUNCES  
FINALISTS FOR THE SIEMENS OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESEARCH (SOAR)  
AWARDS**

Vienna, VA (April 26, 2011) – The Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT) announces finalists for the Siemens Outstanding Academic Research (SOAR) award. Sponsored by an educational grant from SIEMENS Healthcare, the SOAR award supports the professional and clinical development of top radiology residents and cardiology fellows.

Exceptional radiology and cardiology fellows and trainees in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of training or beyond, who hold an interest in cardiovascular CT imaging, are nominated by their department chairmen or program heads. Based on the nominations, a maximum of five (5) trainees was selected by an independent advisory panel to participate in this competitive program by submitting a manuscript to be reviewed by an independent panel.

This year's finalists are:

- Maros Ferencik, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA Cardiac Computed Tomography Imaging of Transplant Vasculopathy
- Mohamed Marwan, MD, University of Erlangen, Erlangen, Germany Quantification of pericardial fat by computed tomography: why, when and how?
- Anderanik Tomasian, MD, Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology (MIR) Washington University, St Louis, MO Adult and Pediatric Congenital Heart Disease: How Multi-Detector CT affects patient outcome
- Lauren Simprini, MD, Washington Hospital Center / Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC Cardiac CT in Women: Clinical Application and Considerations
- Shahmir Kamalian, MD, Winthrop University Hospital, Long Island, NY Role of cardiac and extracranial vascular CT in the evaluation/management of cerebral ischemia and stroke

Each finalist has been assigned a dedicated topic in the area of Cardiovascular CT Imaging. With the guidance of their mentors, the finalist is asked to write a focused review article of approximately 3000 words.

All five selected finalists will attend the 6th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society of Cardiovascular CT in Denver, Colorado, July 14-17, 2011. In addition to submitting the manuscript, each finalist will deliver a ten minute lecture presentation of their work at the Annual Meeting.

Six editorial advisors will review the submitted papers for scientific accuracy as well as originality, creativity, and writing style. The trainee whose presentation and paper best meets the review criteria will receive the SOAR Award, a \$500 prize, and be published in an issue of the Journal of Cardiovascular CT. All finalists will receive a \$1000 travel stipend and complimentary registration to the Annual Scientific Meeting of SCCT.

The program is intended to promote the research and writing skills of the trainees, as well as their oral presentation skills, and may very well provide the catalyst for some trainees to become future thought leaders in the field of cardiovascular imaging.

For more information please visit <http://www.scct.org/annualmeeting/2011/abstracts.cfm>.

**About the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography**

(SCCT) is the professional society devoted exclusively to cardiovascular computed tomography (CCT). With a membership of approximately 3,500, it is acknowledged and recognized as the representative and advocate for research, education, and clinical excellence in the use of cardiovascular computed tomography. For more information on the Society's Mission and Goals, please see the SCCT Website at: [www.SCCT.org](http://www.SCCT.org).

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