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**SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (SCCT)  
ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF SIEMENS OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC  
RESEARCH (SOAR) AWARDS**

Washington, D.C. (August 26, 2009) – The Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT) announces the winners of the Siemens Outstanding Academic Research (SOAR) awards that were recently presented at the society's 4th Annual Scientific Meeting. Sponsored by an educational grant from SIEMENS Healthcare, the SOAR award supports the professional and clinical development of top radiology residents and cardiology fellows.

Following nominations by their training directors, six finalist trainees were selected by an independent advisory panel to participate in this competitive program by submitting a manuscript which will be published in a supplement to the *Journal of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography*. Each of the six selected finalists delivered a 10-minute lecture presentation of his or her work at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting. The presentations were judged by an independent panel and two winners were selected. With the guidance of their mentors, these selected trainees were asked to write a focused review article of approximately 3,000 words on an assigned topic in cardiovascular CT. The topic was based on either the trainee's current clinical or research experience in cardiovascular CT imaging, or reviewed and summarized previously completed work, highlighting clinical implications and outlining areas of future research interest.

*The winners of this year's SOAR award are as follows:*

Erik J. Bekkers, MD, PhD - Coronary CTA: Stenosis classification and quantification including automated measures

Bernhard Bischoff, MD - Trends in radiation protection in CT: present and future status

*The finalists for this year's SOAR award are as follows:*

Thanjavur Bragadeesh, MD - Clinical and Technical Considerations for Stress Myocardial Perfusion Imaging with Multidetector Computed Tomography

Jeffrey Levsky, MD - Efficacy of Coronary CT Angiography: Where We Are, Where We are Going and Where We Want to Be

Pal Maurovich-Horvat, MD - Methods of Plaque Quantification and Characterization by Cardiac Computed Tomography

Tiffany Priester, MD - Measuring Progression of Coronary Atherosclerosis With Computed Tomography: Searching for Clarity Among Shades of Gray

**About the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography**

(SCCT) is the recognized representative and advocate for physicians, scientists, and technologists who work in the field of cardiovascular computed tomography. With a membership of over 4,000, it is nationally and internationally viewed as the principal independent organization committed to the further development of cardiovascular computed tomography through education, training, accreditation, quality control, and research. 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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