On March 3rd our residency programs in Virginia came together for a fantastic day of celebration and networking for our 19th annual Virginia Resident day celebration. This year's event was held in Charlottesville, VA and was a great day of competition between Internal Medicine residency programs, faculty panels/presentations and ended with awards and celebrations.

Throughout the day attendees from across the Commonwealth were amazed and in awe of the talent and expertise presented in the competition. 135 abstracts were originally submitted for review in the Fall of 2015 and narrowed down to the presenters and posters for this final step of competition. Categories for the vignettes included:

Research, Quality Improvement, High Value Care and Clinical Case Vignettes:

This year we also had poster cases which were displayed and discussed with the authors throughout the day.

Judges from across the state were on site for the day and had to make some very difficult decisions in determining our winners for the top prizes. During the day chief residents from VCU and Portsmouth Naval moderated a panel for "Transitions into Practice" as the tables turned and our esteemed judges answered questions asked of them by the residents in the audience. A working luncheon was held with structured networking between the different programs and ACP attendings.

The day ended with a celebratory dinner award celebration where the Internal Medicine Programs presented their Academic Teaching Faculty awards for 2016 and the winners of the competition were announced.

The resident competition was very difficult to judge as they were all so incredible and had such fascinating cases. A huge thank you to Anke Hacker, MD, FACP and Jagdeesh Ullal, MD, FACP, our faculty chairs for this meeting and as well to Shabnam Assar, MD, our resident Governor's Council representative, for all of the hard work put forth in arranging the review and judging of the vignettes for the day. The winners for the competition were as follows:

Posters

1st -- Josh Wadlin, MD -- UVA - "Complications from a Missed Diagnosis: Sclerodermal Renal Crisis"
2nd -- Elizabeth Bauer, MD -- Navy -- "The Relapsing Nature of Transverses Myelitis"
3rd -- Christian Bergman, MD -- EVMS -- "Acetaminophen's Unpleasant Surprise: A Case of Acetaminophen-Induced Erythema Multiforme Major"
Oral Research
1st -- Matthew Yanoff, MS -- VA Tech-Carilion -- "Characterization of an Arrhythmogenic Intercalated Disk Microdomain in Human Cardiac Tissue" -- (Will compete in San Diego ACP 2017)
2nd -- Elizabeth Sonntag, MD -- VCU -- "Decoding our Perception of DNR: A Survey"
3rd -- Melissa McShane, MD -- UVA -- "Non-Warfarin Oral Anticoagulants in Anti-Phospholipid Syndrome"

Oral Clinical Vignettes:
1st -- Derick Jenkins, MD -- VCU -- "Pulmonary Artery Mass: Can Sarcoidosis Do That? " (Will compete in San Diego ACP 2017)
2nd -- Ross Buerlein, MD -- UVA -- "Transplanted Peanut Allergy: A Case Report of New On-Set Peanut Anaphylaxis Following Liver Transplantation"
3rd -- Patty Wang, MD -- UVA -- "Comparison of Loop Ileostomy and Fecal Microbiota Transplantation in Severe and Complicated Clostridium Difficile Infections"

Quality Improvement
1st -- Dennis Kumral, MD -- UVA -- "A Simple Educational Tool for Reducing 30-day Readmissions of Patients with Decompensated Cirrhosis" (Will compete in San Diego ACP 2017)
2nd --Eleni Footman, MD -- Inova --“Transitioning Residents from Interns to Leaders: One Residency Program's Approach to Boosting Resident Confidence in Leadership”

The Academic Teaching Awardees for 2016 presented were:
EVMS - Jody Boggs, MD, FACP
Inova - Henry Tran, MD
Portsmouth Naval- Michael Kavanaugh, MD
UVA - Ellen Keeley, MD
VA Tech-Carilion - Chad DeMott, MD, FACP
VCU - Phoebe Ashley, MD, FACP

This was a really great day for our Residents, faculty and ACP Council and members. I hope these traditions carry on for years to come and we improve upon the program every year.

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