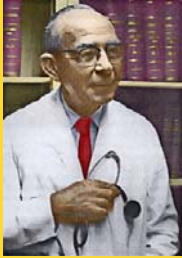


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Recap of the 2013 Southern Regional Meeting

The Southern Regional Meeting and annual scientific session of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation (SSCI) was held February 21-23rd at the Intercontinental New Orleans. Excellent educational programs were presented by all participating Societies. The 2013 meeting saw a slight decrease in attendance this year, having 657 registrants compared to 684 in 2012, 633 in 2010, 555 in 2008 and 405 registrants in 2006.

SSCI members in attendance at this year's meeting declined slightly -194 compared to 212 in 2012. Trainee attendance also decreased slightly from 406 in 2012 to 395 this year.

Podium and poster presentations likewise decreased at this years meeting, down from 555 in 2012 to 532. The largest number of abstracts on the program (62) were presented by trainees from Tulane University Health Sciences Center. Other schools with >20 papers on the program were: Emory University (22); Texas Tech University Health Science Center-Amarillo (23); University of Oklahoma Health Science Center (24); University of South Alabama (25); Texas Tech University Health Science Center-Lubbock (29); University of Mississippi (37); University

of Alabama-Birmingham (46); University of Tennessee Health Science Center (49); Louisiana State University/New Orleans (60).

Based on abstract priority ranking, a great many awards were bestowed upon trainees by participating societies. These prizes totaled more than \$61,000, with 60% in the form of trainee travel awards. In addition to these awards, the SSCI provided approximately \$23,000 for the NYIF trainee travel awards.

The Trainee Reception as well as the Mentored Poster Session late Thursday afternoon was a huge success once again, with high attendance.

The President's Symposium on Friday morning featured presentations by Drs. James Barton of UAB and Cindy Roy of Johns Hopkins University. This year's Symposium topic was "*Iron Metabolism: Bedside to Bench and Back Again*".

The Joint Plenary session on Saturday morning focused on "*Neuroprotection Across A Lifetime*". Drs. Shannon Hamrick of Emory University; Iqbal Sayeed from Emory University and Donald Ingram of Pennington Biomedical Research were our guest speakers.

Call For Abstracts for 2014 Southern Regional Meeting

Visit the SSCI website: www.ssciweb.org
for Call for Abstracts and information for the
SSCI Nephrology Young Investigators' Forum

Abstract Deadline is October 11th

SSCI Visiting Professor Program

The SSCI has an unwavering devotion to its tripartite mission: the advancement of overall knowledge and sharing of incremental knowledge, information and ideas; a commitment to the mentoring of future generations of medical investigators; and fulfillment of its vision.

In 2011, the SSCI initiated a Visiting Professor Program. Its purpose: to sponsor senior members of the Society who would volunteer their time and share their knowledge through a visitation to an academic medical center. The visit would be officially sanctioned by the SSCI through the formal approval of a submitted application by the hosting center. The application would include the agenda and specific objectives of the visit. A Visiting Professor Program Committee of the SSCI Council would make the determination of applicant selection.

In 2012, five visiting professor programs were approved by Council. They included: Dr. Lee Hamm, Professor and Chair of Medicine at Tulane University to visit Emory; Dr. Jesse Roman, Professor and Chair of Medicine at the University of Louisville to visit Texas Tech and University of Mississippi; Dr. Michael Bronze, Professor and Chair of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma to visit Marshall University; and Dr. Karl T. Weber, Professor of Medicine at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center to visit SUNY-Upstate.

The 2014 application deadline is December 15th. Visit www.sscweb.org for more details about this program.

The SSCI recognizes the following award recipients for 2013:

Tinsley Harrison Award

Dr. Viranuj Suenblinvong, Emory University

Drs. Thorsten Leucker, *University of Louisville*, M. Usman Khan, *University of Tennessee HSC* and W. Cameron McGuire of *Tulane University* were the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the SSCI Young Investigator Award.

SSCI Young Investigator Award in General Internal Medicine

Dr. Rebekah Wu, *Duke University*

SAFMR Junior Faculty Research Award Winners

Drs. Elizabeth Holt - *Ochsner Clinic Foundation*, Yusuke Higashi - *Tulane University School of Medicine*, David Green - *Emory University*, Elvira Gosmanova - *Tennessee HSC*, Adair Gosmanova - *Tennessee HSC*, Rhonda Colombo - *Georgia Health Sciences University*, Viranuj Suenblinvong - *Emory University*

Nephrology Young Investigator' Forum Award Winners

Basic Science Award Winners: Drs. Lama Nouredine - *University of Texas Southwestern*, Subhashini Bolisetty - *UAB*, David Ortiz-Melo - *Duke University & Gentzon Hall - Duke University*

Clinical Science Award Winners: Dalia M. Zaky Dawoud - *UAB*, Nishant Bhensdadia - *Medical University of South Carolina*, Hari Garapati - *Georgia Health Sciences University*, Javier Neyra Lozano - *University of Texas Southwestern*

SSCI Young Investigator Awards

The SSCI Young Investigator Awards are offered to recognize and encourage excellence in investigation by physicians and medical students during research training.

Eligibility: Medical students, combined MD/PhD students, interns, residents and post-doctoral physicians who are in research training or were in research training June 2013 are eligible. Post-doctoral research training may be considered to extend for a period of up to 3 years and time spent in strictly clinical fellowships need not count against this. The applicant must

be the 1st author of the abstract submitted in competition for the award and will plan to present the paper during the scientific sessions of the Southern Regional Meetings. Please note that it is not necessary for the senior author to be a member of the SSCI.

Procedure: Abstracts will be submitted for the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation according to the usual procedure described in the instructions on awards consideration accompanying the abstract form.

Deadline: The submission deadline of the abstracts and application for the SSCI Young Investigator Award is **October 11, 2013.**

****Please note that nomination letters from the senior investigator or mentor and the Division Director or Department Chairman are required and should include a statement of the candidate's role in the study. In order to be eligible for consideration of these awards, the nomination letter(s) should be uploaded on the website at the time of abstract submission.**

2014 Annual Meeting

The 68th Annual Meeting will be held February 20 - 22, 2014 at the InterContinental New Orleans.

Please make plans to attend as we have some special events planned for this meeting. Partners of this joint meeting include the Southern Section of the American Federation for Medical Research, Southern Society for Pediatric Research, Academic Pediatric Association, Southern Society for General Internal Medicine and the American Society of Nutrition.

The joint meeting will begin with subspecialty sessions and workshops, a welcome

ing reception and a mentored poster session Thursday afternoon followed by various subspecialty club dinners. Scientific sessions will start Friday morning.

The 2014 Joint Plenary is entitled *Transition - more than "graduating to the cliff's edge": Examining the evidence that good transition is good care.*

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Those who wish to make their reservations early, the hotel reservation form is also included in the Call for Abstracts.

NOTE: To obtain the special room rate, be sure to use the reservation forms

provided by the SSCI. When making your reservation by telephone, you must mention *Southern Regional Meetings*, or you will not receive the special room rate provided to members by the hotel. *Therefore, please indicate that you are attending the Southern Regional Meetings when making reservations.*

The deadline for hotel reservations at our convention rate and the hold on the room block is January 18, 2013.

Register now at <https://secure.cme.tulane.edu/ei/getdemo.ei?id=116&s=1MW00IT2Y>

Reservations can be made online at

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/SSCI2014>

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Intercontinental
New Orleans
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1-800-235-4670**

Did you know you can renew your membership and pay your dues online?

2014 SSCI Presidential Symposium

Endothelial Cells and Inflammation - A Target for Therapy?

The SSCI would like broaden the participation of the membership in leadership. Any SSCI member is encouraged to apply to be a member of a Standing Committee. The committees primarily meet by conference call, generally 1- 4 times year. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest and your CV to Joan Kemp.

Committees include:

Bylaws * Finance * Mentoring * Membership * Publications
SRM Program * Website

Don't sit on the sidelines. Be someone who wants and CAN make a difference in the Society!

Congratulations to Dr. Jesse Roman, University of Louisville, the SSCI's 2014 Founders' Medal Award winner!



"Dues" and Don'ts...When paying your dues, you will now see a line for donating to the SSCI. All donations will receive a thank you letter with required IRS information, so DO give generously and DON'T miss an opportunity to support the SSCI!

SSCI COMMITTEE UPDATE

Abstracts being presented at the 2014 Southern Regional Meeting will be printed in February's issue of the *Journal of Investigative Medicine*

Mentoring Committee

Committee Chair: Dan Villarreal
Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

Into its 3rd year, the mentored poster session continues to be successful and well received by trainees and mentors. In-depth and lively discussions included constructive criticism and advice on career development to the young clinician-investigators. As an additional measure of the continued SSCI support to trainees, the Mentoring Committee is structuring a Poster Award Competition, which would likely begin in 2014 or 2015. Finally, as in previous years, we would like to express our gratitude to the poster presenters for all their dedication and efforts, as well as the mentors for their passion and commitment.

Website Committee

Committee Chair: Jim Oates
Medical University of South Carolina

The website will undergo changes to better reflect how the Society impacts its members and trainees. While updates to the news feed on the site interfaces with Facebook and Twitter, both of these social media approaches could use the expertise of members more familiar with Facebook and Twitter campaigns. Therefore, the website committee seeks nominations from the membership to assist with increasing the visibility of SSCI on Facebook and Twitter. Interested parties should contact the committee chair at oatesjc@musc.edu.

Fund Raising Committee

Committee Chair, Jesse Roman
University of Louisville

Thanks to you and many other colleagues at institutions around the region, the SSCI has maintained a solid membership throughout the past decade. Its mission to promote research, to facilitate networking, and to enhance the training and mentoring the next generation of academic internists continues strong. To further our mission, the SSCI Council has decided to engage a professional philanthropic consultant, Nan Jefferys, to assist with the development of a formal and effective philanthropic strategy for the SSCI. Although our finances are good, it would be great to have more resources to increase the number of travel awards for our trainees, to fund pilot research projects, and to become involved in advocacy for our members, among other projects. Ms. Jefferys has been asked to provide a formal evaluation of our organization and its strengths, to render an assessment of its potential for attracting philanthropic dollars, and to provide recommendations as to how to go about this. To this end, Ms. Jefferys will be contacting several members of our organization to obtain insight into its needs. If you are contacted, I hope that you will find the time to assist Ms. Jefferys. It is our goal to move the SSCI to the next level and this initiative goes a long way towards that goal.

Publications Committee

Committee Chair: Tonette Krousel-Wood
Ochsner University & Tulane University

The committee continues to work with *The AJMS* on strategies to meet the needs of our membership and scientific community through excellent peer-reviewed publications. In the coming year, an important goal is to increase the number of high quality review articles and symposia issues for publication. To that end, we encourage review article submissions from our outstanding membership. Engaging our junior colleagues in collaborating on review articles is an excellent way to foster their professional growth, contribute to the mission of the SSCI, and disseminate knowledge. We are also exploring the needs of our membership for enduring educational materials that can be sponsored by the SSCI.

Suggestions for expanding and improving publications to enhance our membership engagement are welcomed.

Please feel free to contact the committee chair at mawood@ochsner.org or mawood@tulane.edu.

SSCI COMMITTEE UPDATE (continued)

Membership Committee

Committee Chair, Jesse Roman
University of Louisville

The SSCI Membership Committee continues its efforts towards attracting members to our organization. This year, the committee will also evaluate current membership guidelines to ensure that they remain consistent with the mission and values of the organization, while reflecting changes in the academic climate. We encourage department chairs and institutional leaders to continue to promote SSCI membership among their constituents. With its annual meeting and journal, organizational partners, mentorship and speakers programs, and initiatives, the SSCI continues to provide a forum for networking, a platform for sophisticated discussions about patient care, research and education, and

2013 NEW MEMBERS

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Louisiana State University Health Science Center
University of Alabama at Birmingham
SUNY Upstate Medical Center
Emory University
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Louisiana State University Health Science Center
Virginia Commonwealth University
Medical University of South Carolina
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Marshall University School of Medicine
SUNY Upstate Medical Center
Medical University of South Carolina
University of Mississippi Medical Center

a home for a large community of advocates and mentors excited about promoting the careers of junior academicians. Please consider recommending the SSCI to your colleagues. To provide recommendations or to participate in the activities mentioned above, please contact the committee chair at j.roman@louisville.edu.

2 New Club Dinners Scheduled at the 2014 SRM

The Clinical Immunology Club was designed to bring together members and guest of the component organizations of the annual SRM who study, teach about and/or care for patients with immune-based illnesses. This club should particularly appeal to allergists-immunologists, rheumatologists, organ or bone marrow transplant specialists, infectious disease physicians and any other subspecialist who has a particular interest in diagnosis, management, pathophysiology or other aspects of these diseases. The format will be as broad as possible and evidence-based, beginning with a particular immunopathophysiological mechanism and providing clinical and research examples that appeal to a broad audience. The goal is to foster collaborations between disciplines dealing with immunology as well as provide different specialty perspectives on common immunology topics – for example, uses of individual immunosuppressive drugs in various immune diseases. Anyone with this interest is welcome to attend our club dinner. For more information, please contact Gailen Marshall, Club Chair, at the University of Mississippi at gmarshall@umc.edu.

An Infectious Diseases Club Dinner will also be held at the InterContinental Hotel on Thursday evening February 20th at the 2014 Southern Societies Meeting. The dinner presentation will target both pediatric and adult infectious diseases faculty and fellows. All other interested faculty, trainees and students are welcome to attend.

Please join us to kick off the Southern Societies Infectious Diseases Club Dinner meeting in New Orleans. For more information, please contact Club Co-Chairs, Monica Farley (mfarley@emory.edu), Mike Bronze (Michael-Bronze@ouhsc.edu), or Jim Dale (jbdale@outhsc.edu).

We thank those members of the SSCI who have submitted papers and/or review manuscripts for *The AJMS*.

We continue to seek and encourage submissions from the membership, particularly from trainees and junior faculty.

Trainee Research Report

Purpose: To provide students & other trainees not participating in a full-time research experience a venue for publication of their data in a focused, small scope report. Additional details can be found online, in the Instructions for Authors.



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Drs. Samuel Dagogo-Jack (Endo)
University of Tennessee HSC
Marian L. Evatt (Neuro) - Emory University
Kenneth M. Nugent (Pulm) - Texas Tech University HSC



Mission Statement

The Southern Society for Clinical Investigation is dedicated to the advancement of medical research and the exchange of knowledge, information and ideas. Its members are committed to mentoring future generations of medical investigators and promoting careers in academic medicine.

Vision

The Southern Society for Clinical Investigation will be recognized as the premier regional society supporting the advancement of medical research by sponsoring an annual meeting, recognizing excellence in academic medicine, developing programs specifically to support young medical investigators and publishing *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences*.