

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the Annual Scientific Meeting for Health Sciences Research Trainees. This year we had over 130 attendees celebrating the research accomplishments of trainees at Queen's. There were 81 abstracts submitted for presentation. From these, 12 submissions going across multiple disciplines were selected for oral talks, with the remaining 69 abstracts presented as posters in separate morning and afternoon sessions. Trainees who presented during the meeting were undergraduate and graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and residents from the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Arts and Science. The Keynote Speaker this year was Dr. Amer Johri, who was the recipient of the 2016 Mihran and Mary Basmajian Award for Excellence in Health Research. As was the case in previous years, the poster sessions were organized and adjudicated by Graduate students. Thirty one Graduate students participated in the adjudication process, and identified 12 posters for awards. The oral talks were adjudicated by 3 Postdoctoral Fellows. Winners of the prizes for oral and poster presentations are listed below:

Dean's Award for Best Oral Presentation: Ashly Parr, Centre for Neuroscience Studies, for her talk entitled: Examining the effect of dopaminergic treatment on cognitive function in Parkinson's patients during an oculomotor strategic decision-making task. The runner up award went to Carlene Petes, Department of Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, for her talk entitled: IL-30-induced proinflammatory cytokine expression is dependent on engagement of the WSX-1 receptor in human immune cells. Honorable mention went to Lori Minassian, Department of Biomedical and Molecular Sciences, for her presentation entitled: Role of the programmed death ligand 1 (PD-L1) immune checkpoint in the acquisition of malignant phenotypes in tumour cells.

Best Poster Award recipients were: Alison Michels, Pathology & Molecular Medicine, Jeff Huang, Centre for Neuroscience Studies, Joanna Semrau, Centre for Neuroscience Studies, Kaitlyn Tresidder, Centre for Neuroscience Studies, Daniel Sanwalka, DBMS, Allen Champagne, Centre for Neuroscience Studies, Mark Tenn, DBMS, Chloe Lowry, Centre for Neuroscience Studies, Jessican Vanderlinden, Centre for Neuroscience Studies, Hanin Alsaadi, DBMS, Lyndsey Telega, Public Health Sciences, Nicole Czegledy, Centre for Neuroscience Studies.

Key Note speaker: Dr. Amer Johri



"Remarks from the Marine Silk Road: On a journey of scientific discovery to Guangzhou"

Oral Winners

Poster Winners



Many thanks to all the participants!

