Rosanna Degani Young Investigator Award

Computers in Cardiology 2008 was proud to host the sixteenth Rosanna Degani Young Investigator Competition. Rosanna Degani was a pioneer in the field of electrocardiology from the Institute for Research on System Dynamics & Bioengineering in Padova and Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of the 18th Computers in Cardiology Conference in Venice, September 1991. In her memory the Venice Local Organizing Committee and the Board of Directors of Computers in Cardiology established this award, whose purposes are to encourage young investigators and to provide a living memorial to Rosanna Degani.

On the basis of written manuscripts submitted before the meeting, four finalists were invited to Bologna as guests of the Conference to present their research during the opening plenary session. All finalists were given an opportunity to answer questions on their research. The presentations and research papers were judged by a panel of experts.

The winner of the 2008 Rosanna Degani Young Investigator competition was E Votta, from Politecnio de Milano, Milano, Italy. The manuscript, *From Real-Time 3D Echocardiography to Mitral Valve Finite Element Analysis: A Novel Modeling Approach* can be found on page 1 of the proceedings.

Gary and Bill Sanders Poster Awards

The 2008 conference presented the twelfth annual Poster Awards, donated and presented by Bill and Gary Sanders. Bill is a Past President of Computers in Cardiology. The six winners this year were, T Syeda-Mahmood, M Matveev, EM Ferdeghini, MO Bernabeu, CE Chronaki and D Pani.

PhysioNet 2008 Challenge

The winners of PhysioNet 2008 Challenge were G Bortolan, I Christov and A Khaustov.

Future Meetings

The 2009 conference will be held September 13-16 in Park City, Utah, USA The 2010 conference will be held in Belfast, UK

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