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Scientific Sessions Provides a Showcase for the ASE Foundation

A Message from the Task Force Chair
Tom Ryan, MD, FASE

I would like to start this message off by saying "thank you!" to all of those that came out to support the Foundation fundraising activities that occurred during the Portland Scientific sessions. I would also like to formally introduce our new Foundation Task Force members Teri Dittrich, RDCS, FASE; Craig Fleishman, MD, FASE; Edward Gill, MD, FASE; Patricia Pellikka, MD, FASE; Peter Rahko, MD, FASE; David Rubenson, MD, FASE; and Kirk Spencer, MD, FASE. Welcome!

Besides our exhibit booth, the three Foundation fundraising activities in Portland were the Healing Hearts 5K Glow Walk/Run, the Annual Research Awards Gala, and a new event forged from the partnership of the Willamette Valley Society of Echocardiography and the ASE Foundation, the Taste of Portland. Because of our attendees' support, each event was tremendously successful! With our donors' help, the Foundation raised much needed funds for its 2015 initiatives, including distribution of guidelines to ensure cardiac care standardization, scholarship and grant awards, humanitarian events, international sonographer training, and the general betterment of cardiac care.

As the unofficial kick-off to the Silver Anniversary of the Scientific Sessions, the Healing Hearts 5K Glow Walk/Run gave attendees an opportunity to participate in a heart healthy, cardiovascular activity and then receive the reward of an ASE Foundation hosted After-Party, complete with local Portland food, music, and beverages. Two hundred and twelve attendees came to the Portland World Trade Center on June 20 to show their support for bettering cardiac patient care, breaking all other Foundation fun-run attendance records!

The 5th Annual Research Awards Gala, held in The Nines Hotel ballroom in Portland, OR on June 21, raised funds for research grants to scientists that are committed to advancing the field of echocardiography and scientific discovery. Equally committed to raising funds for researchers were the ASE Foundation Task Force members, Jose Banchs, MD, FASE and Vera Rigolin, MD, FASE, who served as table captains for the 5th Annual Research Awards Gala. Thank you both for your leadership. I also want to express appreciation to The Ohio State University Heart & Vascular Center and UK HealthCare Gill Heart Institute, as institutions that purchased premier tables

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Mission Statement:

The ASE Foundation provides support for education, research, quality improvement and professionalism for ASE members and the larger community of health care providers, and patients for whom cardiovascular ultrasound is essential.

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Scientific Sessions

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which raised substantial funds toward the Gala. To learn more about research award winners and research opportunities, please visit www.asecho.org/research.

Co-hosted by the ASE Foundation and the WVSE, the Taste of Portland boasted a large attendance, with 603 attendees making their way to the Leftbank in Portland for some entertainment on June 22! I would like to especially thank the Taste of Portland's leadership, Todd Belcik, BS, RDCS, RCS, FASE and Dan Oliver, RCS, FASE, who put a lot of personal time and effort in to make the event a success. I am also proud to attest that this event raised more than \$10,000 in scholarship and grant funding support.

While we were at the Scientific Sessions, we also held meetings to plan ASE Foundation's participation in two humanitarian events in the upcoming months. Just this week, August 11-14, the ASE Foundation held its third humanitarian project in India. This time, we worked with the Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Medical Sciences (SSSIHMS) in Bangalore to treat patients with rheumatic heart disease. A team of 16 ASEF volunteers, led by Partho Sengupta, MBBS, MD, DM, FASE, and David Adams, RCS, RDCS, FASE, worked side-by-side with SSSIHMS faculty in a four-day teaching and research event. The team also undertook the tremendous feat of organizing daily live broadcasts over YouTube and Google+ from Bangalore to review cases, with expert input from ASE members – including myself! – who participated remotely from the United States. If you missed any of the broadcasts, you can watch them at www.asefoundation.org/asef-values.

Next up, on September 11-14, the ASE Foundation will head to Los Angeles, California to volunteer at the Care Harbor clinic event. Over the course of this four-day event, ASE Foundation volunteers will evaluate referred low-income or at-risk patients for cardiac abnormalities. Led by Tracy Lawrence, MD, FASE, and Peg Knoll, RDCS, FASE, 17 volunteers will ensure that any patients with cardiac abnormalities will leave the ASE Foundation scanning area with referrals to local cardiologists.

Please remember that none of these activities would have been possible without your help. Your support is invaluable and I would like to thank you if you have already donated to the Foundation this year. If you have not yet donated, would you please consider making a donation to support the Foundation's initiatives? If you are already a donor, wouldn't you consider giving a little more to help us reach our \$250,000 goal? We are half-way to our Annual Appeal target and your support will help carry us the rest of the way to our goal! ■



Ready, Set GLOW

ase foundation presents
HEELING HEARTS
5K GLOW RUN
making strides toward
cardiovascular health



On June 20, 2014, the ASE Foundation Heeling Hearts 5K set downtown Portland aglow while raising money for Foundation initiatives. Thank you to all participants!



ASE Foundation's 5th Annual Research Awards Gala

The 2014 Annual Research Awards Gala with its masquerade theme, was held at the distinguished Nines Hotel in downtown Portland. The event had its largest audience ever, breaking previous fundraising goals by garnering over \$70,000 for future research grants. *Gala attendees: thank you for helping the Foundation make a world of difference in echocardiography research.*



Colleagues of past ASE President, Dr. Joseph Kisslo, show support for their mentor and friend by making their very own Dr. Kisslo masks for the masquerade Gala!



Benjamin Byrd, MD, FASE gives one of his last speeches as ASE President. He prepared incoming president Neil Weissman, MD, FASE via an acapella song about the duties of the ASE President.



A Taste of Portland

A partnership between the ASE Foundation and the Willamette Valley Society of Echocardiography (WVSE) provided over 600 guests with a chance to mix and mingle while at 25th Annual Scientific Sessions in Portland, OR, all in the name of raising funds for WVSE scholarships and ASE Foundation initiatives.

Hosted at the Left Bank Annex, the Taste of Portland provided guests with food and beverage and music by DJ Cooky Parker. The event also gave guests an opportunity to strike a pose with its onsite photo booth, complete with props! More than \$10,000 was raised because of Taste of Portland attendee support! To those that bought tickets to this event, thank you! Your support is invaluable and makes a world of difference in the advancement of echocardiography. ■



Congratulations to the ASE Foundation's Scholarship and Grant Award Winners!

Thank you for your hard work and commitment to the advancement of echocardiography.

2014 Arthur E. Weyman Young Investigator's Award Competition judges and finalists

(left to right): abstract chair Rebecca Hahn, MD, FASE; winner Chi Young Shim, MD, PhD; finalist Timothy Tan, MD, PhD; judge Arthur E. Weyman, MD, FASE; finalist Kotoko Matsui, MD; abstract co-chair Richard Grimm, DO, FASE; and ASE's immediate past president Benjamin Byrd, III, MD, FASE. *Not pictured: finalist Shahryar Chowdhury, MD.*



2014 Sonographer Investigator's Award judges and finalists

(left to right): abstract chair Rebecca Hahn, MD, FASE; judge Deborah Agler, RCT, RDCS, FASE; judge Marti McCulloch, MBA, BS, RDCS, FASE; finalist Allen (Weiman) He, RDCS; finalist Leah Wright, BsC; winner Angela Morgan, PGDCU, MHSc; finalist Megan Yamat, RDCS, RCS; and abstract co-chair Richard Grimm, DO, FASE.

2014 Recipients of the Alan D. Waggoner Scholarship Awards

(left to right): Sean Hackett and Nicole Soellner from John Hopkins Hospital School of Diagnostic Sonography, Baltimore, MD; Kenneth D. Horton, RDCS, FASE, ASE Executive Secretary; Yanfeng Ding, Sanford Brown College, Dallas, TX; Brittney Blicharz and Delanie Sapelli from Hoffman Heart & Vascular School of Cardiac Ultrasound, Hartford, CT; Adam Wood, South Hills Business & Technology, State College, PA. *Not pictured: Jerrid Brabender, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, WI; Alicia Brooks, South Hills Business & Technology, State College, PA; Bryan Dake, Bellevue College Diagnostic Ultrasound, Bellevue, WA; McKenzie Watzka, Mayo Clinic, Cardiac DMS, Rochester, MN.*



Incoming ASE President Dr. Neil Weissman congratulates Hiroyuki Iwano, MD, PhD, who received the **2014 TomTec Innovator Research Travel Grant** from the ASE Foundation.



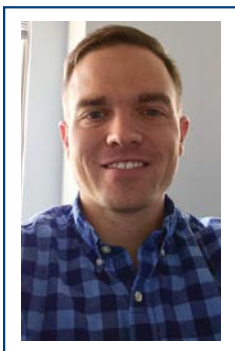
Edward Gill, MD, FASE, with his award for being the **ASE Foundation's Top Donor in 2013.**



Dr. Neil Weissman is pictured with John Toptine, RCS, RDCS, FASE, with his award for being the **Top ASE Foundation Sonographer Solicitor.**

AWARD RECIPIENT TESTIMONIALS

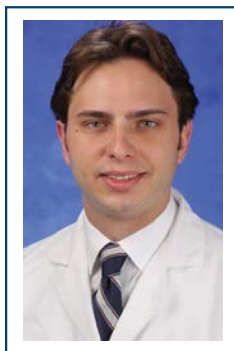
Recipients of ASE Foundation Scholarships and Grants take time to share their gratitude



2014 Abstract Presenter
Travel Grant Recipient:
Christopher Bugnitz, MD
Nationwide Children's Hospital,
Columbus, OH

"The American Society of Echocardiography conference in Portland was a great experience for me as a trainee in pediatric cardiology. The pediatric

cardiology sessions were educational and provided me with up to date knowledge of the advances in our field. The poster session was the perfect venue to display my work and receive constructive feedback from my peers. The travel grant that I received from the ASE Foundation afforded me the opportunity to invest in my future in cardiology and establish relationships that will foster my career development. Thank you."



2014 Abstract Presenter
Travel Grant Recipient:
Jeffrey Yourshaw, MD
Internal Medicine Resident,
Penn State Milton S. Hershey
Medical Center, Hershey, PA

"I had a wonderful experience at ASE. The ability to attend lectures, present my research, get feedback from leaders in

the field, and meet others who were working on similar projects was invaluable. As a resident, if it was not for the generosity of the ASEF travel grant, this would not have been possible. This experience allowed me to build relationships that I hope to use throughout my career as a future cardiologist."



2014 Abstract Presenter
Travel Grant Recipient:
Li-Tan Yang, MD
Division of Cardiology, Department
of Internal Medicine, National
Cheng Kung University
Cooperation Hospital-
Tainan Hospital, Tainan City,
Taiwan, Republic of China

"I believe ASE 2014 was

DEFINITELY my turning point in my career as a cardiologist! In addition to excellent educational talks, it was a thrill to interact with experts and to discuss questions with text book writers. As the grant receiver, I was immensely honored and I got more motivated and more engaged in learning everything about echocardiography with enthusiasm. Fantastic experiences! "



2014 Abstract Presenter
Travel Grant Recipient:
Nishath Quader, MD
Northwestern University,
Chicago, IL

"As a future echocardiographer, the experiences at ASE are invaluable. I had the opportunity to interact with some of the leaders in echocardiography and discuss

with them not only my future career goals but also how I could achieve these goals. In addition, the sessions at ASE are very informative and an excellent way to keep up with the advancing field of echocardiography. The travel grant at ASE is very important since it allows more individuals like me to take advantage of this opportunity and has also inspired me to continue to collaborate and build relationships with the leaders in this field."



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