

24th CARO Annual Scientific Meeting

Research, Discovery, Collaboration and Education in Radiation Oncology and Physics

Wednesday, September 22 - Saturday, September 25 | Hyatt Regency Vancouver, BC

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2010 Awards Categories and Criteria

These following awards recognize the high quality of scientific presentations and will be presented at the Closing Cocktail Reception.

Awards Categories

Open Awards

- Best abstract in science and applied technology (CARO member)
- Best abstract in clinical and population-based oncology (CARO member)
- People's Choice Award
- Supportive Care Award

Resident Awards

- Best Resident oral presentation (CARO member)
- Best Resident poster presentation (CARO member)
- Jean Roy Memorial Award (CARO member)
- Best Resident oral presentation on brachytherapy

Each of the open and resident awards will consist of a certificate and a cheque and will be presented at the Annual Dinner.

Honorary Awards

- CARO Lecturer
- Gordon Richards Lecturer

Awards Criteria

Open Awards (established 2002)

- Best abstract in science and applied technology (CARO member)
- Best abstract in clinical and population-based oncology (CARO member)

These awards will be given for the abstracts found to be the most relevant to the practice of radiation oncology in the fields of science/applied technology and clinical/population-based oncology, based on the ratings of the blinded Abstract Review process.

Award candidates must be CARO Members in good standing.

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People's Choice

Eight papers will be selected by a panel of judges from all the abstracts received, based on their scientific quality, relevance and general appeal to the members.

The audience is invited to hear these papers presented at the People's Choice Session. After the session, an evaluation form will be provided, and the audience is invited to vote for their choice of the best paper of the eight.

Supportive Care Award

This new award is an initiative of the Symptom Control Advisory Group. Selection criteria will be based on the following:

- The work presented is of high scientific quality; the methodology used is valid and appropriate.
- The subject is relevant to the practice of radiation oncology, represents new information and is likely to have a positive impact on supportive care in oncology.
- The candidate is the first author and presenter of the submitted abstract (either oral or poster).
- There will be evidence that the candidate contributed a significant amount of work to the project, the majority of which is conducted in Canada.

Resident Awards

To promote high quality research training in radiation oncology and medical physics residency programs throughout Canada, awards will be presented to residents and young investigators who are presenting their work at the meeting. A panel of judges will be appointed to judge the competition.

The following criteria must be met to be eligible for one of these awards:

- The candidate must currently be registered in a radiation oncology resident training program in Canada or be in her/his first year after Board/RCPSC certification or,
- The candidate must be a CARO member in good standing.
- The research work must have been completed during his/her residency.
- The candidate must be the first author and presenter.
- There will be evidence that the research work has been for the most part designed, conducted, and analysed by the candidate.
- The subject is relevant to the practice of radiation oncology or medical physics represents new information and is likely to have a positive impact on patient care.
- The methodology used is valid and appropriate; and the work is of high scientific quality.
- Only one paper may be submitted for the oral awards session.

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There are four awards open to CARO residents:

Best Oral Presentation by a Resident

In addition to the general criteria mentioned above, the following criteria also apply:

- The abstract submitted has been accepted for an oral presentation by the Abstract Review Committee.
- Throughout her/his presentation and the question period, the candidate appears to be well informed, and demonstrates a high level of understanding of her/his work and its relationship to the existing literature.
- The candidate delivers a high quality presentation, speaks clearly and is concise.
- The quality of the visual support (slides) is appropriate.

Best Poster Presentation by a Resident

In addition to the general criteria mentioned above, the following criteria also apply:

- The abstract submitted has been accepted for a poster presentation by the Abstract Review Committee.
- The presence of the candidate at the poster viewing session is mandatory.
- The candidate answers questions appropriately and demonstrates a high level of understanding of her/his research material and its relationship to the existing literature.
- The information presented in the poster is relevant and complete while concise, and is adequately reported.
- The visual quality of the poster is good and easy to read. The general aspect is appealing and invites the participants to stop and read it.

Jean Roy Memorial Award

Dr. Jean Roy was a radiation oncologist from Québec City, who was the pioneer of permanent seed implantation for prostate cancer in Canada. He was also recognized throughout Canada for his dynamic approach, leadership and dedication to the advancement of radiation oncology in Québec and in Canada. He died suddenly in 1999 of colon cancer at the age of 44, in the midst of a brilliant career.

In order to honour the memory of his commitment to resident education, the CARO Education Committee has created the Jean Roy Memorial Award to acknowledge a resident who, through the presentation of her/his research work, shows the qualities of creativity, capacity to innovate, and leadership in the fields of education, administration or clinical application of new technologies.

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Canadian Brachytherapy Group Award - Best oral presentation on brachytherapy

In addition to the general criteria the following criteria also apply:

- The abstract submitted has been accepted for an oral presentation by the Abstract Review Committee of the Canadian Brachytherapy Group.
- The topic relates to Brachytherapy in either general, clinical, scientific, medical physics or basic science aspects.
- Throughout her/his presentation and the question period, the candidate appears to be well informed, and demonstrates a high level of understanding of her/his work and its relationship to the existing literature.
- The candidate delivers a high quality presentation, speaks clearly, and is concise.
- The quality of the visual support (slides) is appropriate.
- The resident demonstrates a proficiency in clinical, science, and physics as applied to his/her presentation.
- The resident demonstrates a basic knowledge and understanding of the principles of brachytherapy.

Honorary Awards

CARO Lecturer

The CARO Lecture has been established by the Board of Directors as the principal invited lecture of the annual scientific program of CARO. The lecturer is invited by the President to speak on a topic relevant to the theme of the Meeting.

Gordon Richards Lecturer

The Gordon Richards Lecture was established by the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation to honour Dr. Gordon Richards, who is considered the father of Canadian Radiation Oncology. It was initially presented under the auspices of the Canadian Association of Radiology, of which radiation oncologists were a part until CARO was formed. The Gordon Richards Lecture has been delivered at CARO's annual meetings since 1998. The Lecturer is invited by the President to deliver an address on a topic selected by the Lecturer and considered by the Lecturer to be of interest to the members of CARO.

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Additional Awards

The practice of Radiation Oncology involves a multidisciplinary approach, and it is CARO's desire that the annual meeting reflects this reality. To encourage all health professionals of the radiation oncology team to participate in and contribute to the CARO Annual Scientific Meeting, the Education Committee has created additional awards which may be awarded in the following categories to acknowledge the research work carried out by non-physicians.

- Radiation/Medical Physics
- Radiation Therapy
- Radiation Oncology Nursing

A panel of multi-professional judges will be appointed by the Education Committee to review the eligible abstracts, presentations and posters.

The criteria for these awards are:

- The candidate is not a physician.
- The candidate is the first author of the submitted abstract.
- The subject is relevant to the practice of radiation oncology, represents new information and is likely to have a positive impact on patient care.
- There will be evidence that the research work has been for the most part designed, conducted and analysed by the candidate.
- The methodology used is valid and appropriate; and the work is of high scientific quality.