2017 CARO ASM Awards Categories and Criteria

The following awards recognize the high quality of scientific presentations of CARO members.

Award candidates must be CARO Members in good standing. For award categories based on abstract submission, the candidate must be the first author and presenter of the submitted abstract. Awards are limited to one per person, based on work presented of high scientific quality; the methodology used must be valid and appropriate. It is expected that the research work has been for the most part designed, conducted and analysed by the candidate. The subject must be relevant to the practice of radiation oncology and represent new information that is likely to have a positive impact in the field.

Certain general criteria for oral presentations include the following:

- 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.

Certain general criteria for poster presentations include the following:

- 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.
- 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.

Oral and poster presentations are announced following blinded abstract review by content experts prior to the ASM. Various poster and oral presentation awards are granted after consideration of the pre-ASM judging as well as judging during the ASM, by panels appointed by the ASM Committee. Certain awards are granted by distinct groups or individuals including the CARO president, Symptom Control Advisory Group, Canadian Brachytherapy Group and CUREUS editor.

Each of the awards will include a certificate and will be presented at the Award Ceremony. The CARO membership will be notified with a list of award winners following the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM).

Open Awards

Winners of the following open awards will be awarded complimentary registration fees for the CARO ASM of the subsequent year.

Best Abstract in Science and Applied Technology

This award will be given for the abstract found to be the most relevant to the practice of radiation oncology in the fields of science/applied technology, based on the ratings of the blinded Abstract Review process prior to the CARO ASM.

Best Abstract in Clinical and Population-based Oncology

This award will be given for the abstract found to be the most relevant to the practice of radiation oncology in the fields of clinical/population-based oncology, based on the ratings of the blinded Abstract Review process prior to the CARO ASM.

Survivorship Award

- This award for oral or poster presentation will be presented for the abstract with the highest score in the domain of survivorship.

- The project must have primary focus on supportive care needs assessment/intervention or models of care delivery that focus on the post-treatment phase of survivorship.

Supportive Care Award

This award for oral or poster presentation is an initiative of the Symptom Control Advisory Group and will be presented for the abstract found to be the most relevant to the domain of supportive care in oncology.

Education Award - NEW

This award will be given for the abstract found to be the most relevant to the practice of radiation oncology in the Education field, based on the ratings of the blinded Abstract Review process prior to the CARO ASM.

Radiation Oncology Resident Awards

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.

- The research work must have been completed during his/her residency.

Best of the Resident Oral Presentation Session ($500)*

* Required supplemental information to be considered for the award:
A slide must be presented at the beginning of each presentation, indicating the extent of resident contribution to the study from design, conduct and analysis.

** For all other residents presenting in this session, you will receive complimentary Dinner and Award Ceremony ticket. If the ticket has already been purchased, the resident will be reimbursed.

Best Resident Poster Presentation ($500)

Best Resident Oral Presentation on Brachytherapy ($500)

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.
- 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.

Jean Roy Resident Memorial Award ($500)*

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 Dr. Jean Roy's commitment to resident education, the CARO Education Committee has created the Jean Roy Memorial Award to acknowledge a resident who shows the qualities of creativity, capacity to innovate, and leadership in the fields of education, administration or clinical application of new technologies.

* Required supplemental information to be considered for the award:
Residency program directors are asked to submit one letter of recommendation per year, nominating a resident from their program who has been accepted to present an abstract at the CARO ASM (oral or poster presentation).

Residents with accepted poster or oral presentations are asked to submit their CV for consideration of this award.

Deadline: Submissions must be directed to Dr Amanda Caissie (CARO ASM lead judge) Amanda.Caissie@HorizonNB.ca by September 2, 2017.

CUREUS Poster Award ($250)*

This award will be granted by the CUREUS editor for the best CUREUS poster submission by a resident, not otherwise acknowledged with a CARO award.

* Required supplemental information to be considered for the award:

1. Poster submitted in PDF version.
2. A text file must be included with:
    - Keywords (up to 10)
    - Abstract (maximum 2500 characters)
    - Email address for each author
    - Institutional affiliation for each author
3. Acknowledgement is required that co-authors are in agreement with publication of the poster on the CARO channel.

Deadline: Submissions must be directed to Dr David Roberge (CUREUS CARO Channel Editor) drroberge@yahoo.com by end of the ASM resident refresher course day September 14, 2016.

Book Prize (Gift Certificate $50)

Four Book Prizes will be awarded, selected from oral and poster presentations.

Clinical Care and Epidemiology: studies related to health policy, clinical diagnosis, prognosis, management and outcome

Biology and Technology: studies that address basic science of radiation oncology, radiation planning and delivery, technology or medical physics

Quality assurance: studies that address clinical practice performance, care delivery or system improvement

CanMEDS non-medical expert: studies that address CanMEDS-related subject areas outside of the medical expert domain, i.e. issues in Communication, Collaboration, Leadership, Advocacy, Scholarship, or Professionalism.

CARO Associate Member Awards

Best of the Fellow Oral Presentation Session ($500)*

- The candidate must currently be registered in a radiation oncology fellowship training program in Canada or be in her/his first year after fellowship completion.

- The research work must have been completed during his/her fellowship.

    * Required supplemental information to be considered for the award:
    A slide must be presented at the beginning of each presentation, indicating the extent of fellow contribution to the study from design, conduct and analysis.

Radiation/Medical Physics, Radiation Therapy, Radiation Oncology Nursing ($500)

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 to acknowledge the research work carried out by non-physicians. One award to staff or trainee per physics, radiation therapy and nursing will be given for the abstract from each discipline found to be the most relevant to the practice of radiation oncology, based on the ratings of the blinded Abstract Review process prior to the CARO ASM.

Honorary Awards

CARO Lecture ($1000)

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

Gordon Richards Lecture

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.

Jean Roy Lecture

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This lecturer is invited by the Canadian Brachytherapy Group and is awarded to a radiation oncologist who is a leader in the fields of education, administration or clinical application of new technologies.