International Society of Hypertension
New Investigator Oral Awards Session

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The International Society of Hypertension (ISH) New Investigator Oral Awards, created in 2012, highlight some of the best hypertension research being performed by junior investigators in the world. This year, eight finalists were chosen from the highest scoring abstracts and were invited to present their work during the New Investigator Oral Awards session, chaired by ISH New Investigator Committee (NIC) chair and member, Drs. Ruan Kruger and Cesar Romero. The finalists were: Conghui Wang - Japan, Estrellita Uijl - The Netherlands, Tecla Namusonge - Kenya, Chao Chu - China, Nikki Pandey - India, Fei Wang - USA and China, Shilpa Sadanand - India and Laure Rouch - France. Their excellent presentations covered both basic, translation and clinical science projects and several countries were represented during this session.

We are excited to report that the runner up was Dr. Laure Rouche from the Department of Geriatrics, Broca Hospital, Paris, France, who presented her work entitled *Pulse Wave Velocity is Associated with Greater Risk of Dementia in Mild Cognitive Impairment Patients*. Her work focused on the association between vascular function and structure on the conversion from mild cognitive impairment (MCI) to dementia in elderly patients. Dr. Rouche observed that pulse wave velocity, a measurement of arterial stiffness, predicted the conversion from MCI to dementia. This year’s winner of the New Investigator Oral Presentation Award was Dr. Fei Wang currently in the Nephrology Division at the University of Utah, USA. His exceptional presentation, “Site-1 Protease-Derived Soluble (Pro)Renin Receptor Contributes to Salt-Sensitive Hypertension in Dahl S Rats via Activation of Intrenal RAS”, discussed the role of the soluble pro-renin receptor (sPRR) during salt-sensitive hypertension. He observed that site-1 protease-derived sPRR is important in the development of salt-sensitive hypertension, via intrarenal renin angiotensin system activation. Together, the winner, runner-up and finalists of this year’s New Investigator Oral Presentation Awards showcased promising young investigators in hypertension.

Pictured left:
Fei Wang

Pictured right:
Laure Rouche

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