

Oskar Lapp Research Prize and Grant Awarded

Oskar Lapp Foundation supports young cardiac researchers

Stuttgart, 15th July 2014

During the 80th annual conference of the German Cardiac Society (DGK) in Mannheim, the Oskar Lapp Foundation awarded two sponsorship prizes to young cardiac researchers. The Oskar Lapp Research Prize 2014, which also carries a €12,000 cash prize, went to Dr Thomas Fischer and associate professor Dr Samuel T. Sossalla from the Göttingen Heart Centre[1]. The two researchers identified a promising starting point for future treatment strategies for cardiac arrhythmia and contractile dysfunction.

The Oskar Lapp Grant 2014 was awarded to Dr Christian A. Gleißner, Associate Professor at the University Clinic in Heidelberg[2]. His research subject is vascular calcification that can lead to infarction. Specifically, he is studying how the responsible cells can be influenced to prevent the dangerous calcification. The grant is worth up to €20,000 for equipment, and supports active clinical physicians and academics who are involved in experimental and clinical research. It offers up to a two-year period of sponsorship.

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The Oskar Lapp Foundation was founded in 1992 in honour of the Stuttgart-based businessman Oskar Lapp, who died on 25th April 1987 as a result of a heart attack. The foundation aims to provide young scientists with additional incentives to effectively engage them in cardiovascular research. Ursula Ida Lapp, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Trustees said: "There is a lot of work to be done in cardiovascular research. There is still a need for much better research into prophylaxis, diagnostics, therapy and rehabilitation for coronary heart disease."

Along with the founding family, the members of the Oskar Lapp Foundation Board of Trustees are Prof. Gunther Arnold (formerly Director of the German Cardiac Society), Prof. Anton Both (retired Medical Director, Klinikum Stuttgart – Katharinenhospital), Dr Rolf Thieringer (Mayor of the state capital of Stuttgart), Prof. Roderich C. Thümmel (lawyer), Prof. Thomas Nordt (Medical Director, Klinikum Stuttgart – Katharinenhospital) and Konstantinos Papoutsis (Director of the German Cardiac Society).

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Presentation of the Oskar Lapp Research Prize, left to right: Prize winner Dr Thomas H. Fischer, Ursula Ida Lapp, prize winner Associate Professor Dr Samuel T. Sossalla, Siegbert Lapp and Prof. Thomas Nordt



Congratulations on the Oskar Lapp Grant 2014, left to right: Dr Christian A. Gleißner, Ursula Ida Lapp, Siegbert Lapp and Prof. Thomas Nordt

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