

Dear Reader:

This issue of the journal features the work of the winners of the 1992 AmSECT 30th International Conference presentation awards. John Bennett received the Fellowship Award for presenting the most outstanding scientific paper. The Scientific Presentation Award was given to Caroline Rasmussen for the most outstanding paper by a student or first-time presenter. Bruce Morin was the recipient of the Scientific Poster Presentation Award for the most outstanding poster. In addition to being recognized by these awards, these papers have also gone through the journal peer review process. The other excellent presentations from the 1992 conference are in the review process now and will appear in future issues of Volume 24.

Also presented at the conference in Washington, D.C. was the Research Award, which honored the perfusionist who published an exceptional original article in the journal during the preceding year. Beverly Parault was the recipient for her paper, "The Effect of Extracorporeal Circulation Time and Patient Age on Platelet Retention During Cardiopulmonary Bypass: A Comparison of Roller and Centrifugal Pumps." This paper appeared in Volume 23, Number 2.

My congratulations to the award winners and to all the presenters from the 1992 AmSECT 30th International Conference. I hope many of you reading the journal will be encouraged to join this group of contributors to our profession.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Palmer, CCP
Editor