

## From the Editor

Dear Readers:

I hope many of you were able to attend the AmSECT 36th International Conference in Philadelphia, March 12-15. I thoroughly enjoyed focusing on the art and science of perfusion, rather than the economics. Most of us in the healthcare professions are struggling to make sense of and deal with the changes that are coming our way so quickly. Daily we are faced with the dilemma of how to continue to provide optimal care for our patients. So for three days we met and devoted our attention to the practice of perfusion, the exciting new advances and evaluations of products and techniques. We discussed the pros and cons of kinetic assisted venous drainage versus vacuum assisted venous drainage and the specifics of how to provide these modalities. After all, as perfusionists our bottom line is to be able to offer the safest and most effective technology to our patients. This Conference, then, was an opportunity to re-center our energies on the most important issues that challenge us and keep us in this profession.

Congratulations are in order for the recipients of the Journal Awards presented at the Conference.

Research Award – Presented to the perfusionist who has published an exceptional article in the *Journal* on an original research project.

Recipient: Donald S. Wilson for “Perflubron emulsion does not cause neutrophil (PMN) activation in-vivo,” appearing in Volume 29, Number 3

Review Article Award – Presented to the perfusionist who has published an exceptional review article in the *Journal*.

Recipient: Gerard Myers for “A comparative review of crystalloid, albumin, pentastarch, and hetastarch as perfusates for cardiopulmonary bypass,” appearing in Volume 29, Number 1.

Case Report Award – Presented to the perfusionist who has published an exceptional case report in the *Journal*.

Recipient: Timothy J. Buzzelli for “Massive volume loss during cardiopulmonary bypass and its association with Meckel’s Diverticulum,” appearing in Volume 29, Number 1.

I look forward to sharing with you this year the many excellent papers from the Convention.

Sincerely,

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Editor

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