on diverse topics ranging from novel genomic regulators of lipid homeostasis to RNA editing in angiogenesis. This award is a manuscript-based award that is judged by the quality of the science, the applicant and the presentation. The pool of applications this round was excellent, and the committee selected four finalists to present their work at the Session. Belinda di Bartolo, PhD (University of New South Wales), Konstantinos Stellos, MD, DMS, FAHA (Goethe University), Pritika-Pikka Larriu (University of Helsinki) and Mireille Dionnet (NYU Langone Medical Center).

The judges declared this year to be particularly tough thanks to the high quality of the science and outstanding presentations, but finally selected Mireille Dionnet as the winner. Congratulations!

One of the flagship events sponsored by the Early Career Committee at Sessions was the Networking Reception, held Nov. 18. We have kept the format of an informal wine-and-cheese reception the same; and once again this event was a huge success. The ECC invited 70 of the top-scoring abstract submitted by Early Career ATVB members to present a poster during the reception, which was attended by the leadership of the ATVB Council and the leadership of the AHA. Since inception, this event has been an unparalleled way to network with colleagues and get some valuable face time with leaders in the field, and this year was no exception with attendance at the event soaring to more than 200 investigators. We also recognized the top-scoring abstract submitted by an early career investigator to ATVB-sponsored abstract categories at Sessions, and honored Francesco Pateni, MD, from the Karolinska Institute, with the ATVB Future Investigator Award.

Finally, we could not have put on such an event without the help of our generous sponsors: Merck, Glaxo, Janssen Pharmaceuticals and Regeneron. We sincerely appreciate their continued investment in the next generation of scientists, and their support is critical in making this event such a success.

And did you know that ATVB has a mentoring program? If you’re interested in becoming a mentor (or a mentee), visit my.americanheart.org/atvbmentoring.

The goal of the program is to match up mentors and mentees to help young scientists and physicians develop their professional careers. It’s a great resource for early career investigators, and even if you have a terrific mentor already, an ATVB mentor can provide you with a unique opportunity to hear different perspectives, open doors for service in the AHA and grow your professional network outside of your institution.

So don’t delay any longer, and sign up now!

We hope you enjoyed our Early Career programming at Scientific Sessions 2014, and always welcome your feedback. If you’d like to get involved or give us feedback on our events, contact Early Career Committee Chair Kathy J. Rayner at krayner@ottawaheart.ca or Vice Chair Nick Leeper at nleeper@stanford.edu. See you in the spring at ATVB 2015 in San Francisco.
Dr. Lentz, MD, PhD, (left) and Kathryn J. Moore, PhD, FAHA, present the Distinguished Scientist Award to Charles T. Esmon, PhD, FAHA.

Dr. Lentz (left) and Dr. Moore present the Distinguished Scientist Award to Bruce Furie, MD, FAHA.

Steven Lentz, MD, PhD, (left) and Kathryn J. Moore, PhD, FAHA, present the Distinguished Scientist Award to Charles T. Esmon, PhD, FAHA.

Dr. Moore recognizes Helen Hobbs, MD, for her presentation of the George Lyman Duff Memorial Lecture.

Katey J. Rayner, PhD (left) and Nicholas Leeper, MD, recognize the finalists for the ATVB Early Career Investigator Award (from left): Konstantinos Stellos, MD, DMSc, FAHA; Pirkka-Pekka Laurila, MD; Belinda di Bartolo, PhD; and Mireille I. Ouimet, MD (winner).

Dr. Lentz recognizes Sriram Krishnaswamy, PhD, for his presentation of the Sol Sherry Distinguished Lecture in Thrombosis.

Dr. Lentz and Dr. Moore recognize Christopher K. Glass, MD PhD, for his presentation of the Russell Ross Memorial Lectureship in Vascular Biology.