

2011 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium – Poster Competition Results

A new addition to this year’s Symposium was a competition for the Posters accepted for presentation. Over 75 poster abstracts were submitted, and approximately 50 chosen for the competition in four categories: Student, Junior Officer, Programs, and Scientific. COF would like to thank our Senior Officers (retired and active) who volunteered to judge the competition. The winners received recognition from the Office of the Surgeon General, while students also won a cash prize courtesy of the Foundation. The winners were:

| Category | Author | Poster Title |
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| Junior Officer | LT Karen Ho | The Status of Health Disparities in the U.S. |
| Program | CDR Meena Vythilingam | Design and Implementation of Mandatory Deployment Mental Health Assessments in the Department of Defense |
| Scientific | LCDR Bobby Rasnulia | Assessing the Impact of Immunization Information Systems as a Tool for Increasing Childhood Vaccination Rates |
| Student – First Place | Bryan Leydet Louisiana State University | Evidence of Lyme Borrelia in Louisiana Ticks and Small Mammals |
| Student – Second Place | Cassan Pulaski Louisiana State University | The Public Health Impact of Heartworm Prophylaxis Failure in Dogs |
| Student – Third Place | W. Bradley Hawkins Tulane University | Environmental Characterization of Mercury Contamination in Two Indigenous Communities in Suriname, South America |