

**THE RAMPS / VACIRCA
YOUNG INVESTIGATORS SYMPOSIUM**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts are invited for the **April 26th, 2016 Young Investigator Symposium** honoring Dr. Sal Vacirca:

1. Please submit a one page abstract to the RAMPS President, e-mail: RAMPSNYC@gmail.com by **April 6, 2016**.
2. A panel will select a number of abstracts for presentation. Each selected speaker will make a 10 minute presentation and answer questions from the audience.
3. A “Young Investigator” is defined as a physicist who is no more than five years beyond receipt of highest degree or, for a physicist who has been retained, no more than five years beyond post doctoral training. He or she may also be an active graduate student in a medical physics program. He or she must have, or be actively pursuing a Masters or higher degree and be currently working in the field of medical physics. **A letter from the Program Director certifying the above status should be submitted with the abstract.**
4. Each presentation will be evaluated by the panel for the following criteria:
 - a. Originality
 - b. Usefulness to clinical medical physics
 - c. Merit of the scientific approach
 - d. Clarity of presentation
 - e. Finish within allotted time
 - f. Quality of audiovisual aids
 - g. Ability to answer questions at the end of the presentation
5. Prize:
 - a. The best presenter will be awarded a RAMPS scholarship in the name of Dr. Sal Vacirca, to cover the expenses of attending any major meeting (AAPM Annual meeting, AAPM Summer School, AAPM clinical meetings, ASTRO, RSNA). The amount, not to exceed **\$1500**, will be to cover the costs of travel, lodging, living expenses and registration fees.*
 - b. There will be a **2nd prize of \$600** and a **3rd prize of \$400** to cover expenses of attending any major clinical meeting.*
6. All presenters will be invited to attend with one guest, free of charge, the RAMPS dinner following the symposium.

*Receipts are required