Abstracts are invited for the 2021 Young Investigator Symposium, to be held on **May 19, 2021 (via virtual Zoom meeting)** honoring Dr. Sal Vacirca:

1. Those interested in participating must submit a one-page abstract to the RAMPS Secretary, e-mail rampsnyc@gmail.com by **May 9, 2021**. The abstract format should follow the AAPM guidelines [https://w4.aapm.org/meetings/2021AM/programInfo/abstractSubmission.php](https://w4.aapm.org/meetings/2021AM/programInfo/abstractSubmission.php). One additional page of supporting material is optional.

2. The participants must be RAMPS members (any membership category is acceptable). Membership information and application can be found at [http://chapter.aapm.org/ramps/RAMPS/Membership.html](http://chapter.aapm.org/ramps/RAMPS/Membership.html).

3. A “Young Investigator” is defined as someone who
   a. is pursuing a degree in the field of medical physics,
   b. is a resident, or a post doc enrolled in a medical physics residency program, or
   c. has finished such a degree or program within the last four years.

4. **For applicants who are in a medical physics residency program or graduated from one a letter from the Program Director certifying this should be submitted with the abstract.** The abstract submission should also be accompanied with a passport photo of the participant. The photo of the winners will be used for the RAMPS history poster, which will be presented at the AAPM annual meeting.

5. Previous participants, except winner of 1st place, are eligible to participate as long as they are presenting on a new topic.

6. 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.

7. Each presentation will be evaluated by the YIS judges 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

8. Prize:
   a. The winner of 1st place will be awarded a RAMPS scholarship in the name of Dr. Sal Vacirca of $1500.
   b. There will be a 2nd prize of $600 and a 3rd prize of $400.
   c. The award must be claimed within 2 years following the day of the symposium.

9. Representing RAMPS for AAPM SLAM Competition
   The winner will be offered the chance to represent RAMPS (if eligible) to participate the AAPM SLAM competition during the AAPM annual meeting. Please see more information about SLAM: [https://www.aapm.org/students/MedPhysSlam.asp](https://www.aapm.org/students/MedPhysSlam.asp)
   If the winner is unable to attend the annual scientific meeting or not eligible, the second-place participant may take the place, and so on. The deadline for submission to SLAM is **June 4, 2021**.