

# St. Boniface Hospital Research bags 3 awards in Kentucky

Two St. Boniface Hospital Research Principal Investigators and one PhD student received awards at the **Cardiovascular Forum for Promoting Centers of Excellence and Young Investigators**, held August 15-17, 2013 in Louisville, Kentucky. The conference focused on Autophagy and Cardiac Cell Death, MicroRNA and Cardiac Remodeling, Stem Cells and Cardiac Regeneration, and Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome.

[Dr. Michael P. Czubryt](#), Principal Investigator, Molecular Pathophysiology Laboratory and Associate Professor, Department of Physiology, University of Manitoba received the Eric Olson Biomedical Investigation Award in Cardiovascular Sciences.

[Dr. Davinder Jassal](#), Principal Investigator, Cardiovascular Imaging and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, University of Manitoba received the Kern Wildenthal Clinical Investigation Award in Cardiovascular Sciences.

PhD student **Chris White** received the James Willerson Clinical Award for his poster/presentation "A Donor Whole Blood-Based Perfusate Provides Superior Preservation of Myocardial Function during Ex Vivo Heart Perfusion"

In addition, 5 Young Investigators were chosen to present for the **Grant Pierce Biomedical Award Competition for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows**. The winner of this competition was Tareq Al-Maqtari, University of Louisville whose topic was "Directing Differentiation of Cardiac Stem Cells by Transcription Factors". Tareq Al-maqtari is a pharmacist with a bachelor degree in "Pharmacy" from Aleppo University in Syria. In 2010, He came to the USA as a

“Fulbright Scholar” to pursue his masters in Pharmacology and Toxicology at Univeristy of Louisville.

The International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences (IACS) was established in 1996 with 7 independent Sections – North America, South America, Japan, India, China, Europe and Russia. It has been registered as a non-profit organization in Canada and also incorporated as Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences Foundation, USA. The Academy promotes cardiovascular education to professionals and lay people in addition to promoting cardiovascular research and training. During the past 15 years, the IACS has organized more than 100 conferences, symposia and workshops all over the world.