NEW AWARD (since August 2015)

Pablo I. Altieri Research Recognition Award

Award: $1,200
Deadline: Coincides with PR Physiological Society meeting abstract deadline
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Dr. Pablo I. Altieri is a Professor of Medicine and Cardiology at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. He is an active internationally recognized physician and scientist. Dr. Altieri is also known as a generous professional, who demonstrates philanthropic activity and supports graduate and medical students in the island. In line with his philanthropic activity and support to our Society, Dr. Altieri is establishing an award to honor an early career stage (graduate student, post-doctoral fellow, medical residents or equivalent position) researcher who conducts biomedical research in/or related to physiology in Puerto Rico.

The Pablo I. Altieri Research Recognition Award is designed to assist with travel expenses that the early career physiologist incurs in attending the scientific meeting in order to present his/her work.

To be eligible for a Pablo I. Altieri Research Recognition Award, the applicant: (1) must be a member of the Puerto Rico Physiological Society in good standing; (2) must be studying for a doctoral degree or have received a doctoral degree within the past 10 years; and (3) must submit an abstract as presenting author (i.e. first author) to the annual meeting of the Puerto Rico Physiological Society and attend the meeting to present his/her work. The awardee will be recognized at the annual meeting of the Puerto Rico Physiological Society and the reimbursement check will be presented to him/her after submitting an evidence of participation in a scientific meeting on national/international level.
Dr. Pablo I. Altieri obtained a B.S. degree from the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) at Mayaguez (1963) and an M.D. degree from the UPR School of Medicine (1967). He continued specialization in Cardiology at Ohio State University under the direction of Dr. Richard Lewis and Dr. Richard Leighton. His success as a cardiologist and researcher was recognized by his appointment as the Chief of the Cardiovascular Laboratory at Malcom Grow Medical Center, Mayor US Air Force located on Joint Base Andrews, Maryland (1972-1974). During his tenure, Dr. Altieri actively participated in merging the Cardiology Section of the Ohio State University with that of Johns Hopkins University Hospital System (Baltimore), Walter Reed Hospital (Washington D.C.) and NIH (Bethesda, Maryland). Following several years of successful practice, Dr. Altieri joined the University Hospital of the UPR where he was appointed Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories for 1974-1994. Subsequently, he directed the Catheterization Laboratories of the Cardiovascular Center of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean. In 1979, Dr. Altieri joined the UPR School of Medicine and became a full Professor of Medicine and Cardiology. Throughout the years, Dr. Altieri has maintained an active and close collaboration on basic cardiovascular research with the Department of Physiology.

Main areas of Dr. Altieri’s expertise include, but not limited to, elucidation of the metabolic syndrome and cardiovascular diseases, particularly, cardiac arrhythmias in Hispanic population, and development of new therapeutic strategies for treatment of cardiac diseases. He has actively participated in many national and international conferences and has contributed over 150 scientific papers in local, national and international journals. Dr. Altieri belongs to several prestigious scientific societies such as the American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology, European Society of Cardiology, European Society of Atherosclerosis, European Lipid Society, American Society of Electrophysiology, Muscle Society, and International Society for Heart Research among others. He is a Senior Member of the American Federation for Clinical Research and New York Academy of Science, and is involved in the Editorial Board of Global Journal of Obesity, Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome, Revista Latina de Cardiología, Revista Portuguesa de Cardiología and many other peer-reviewed journals.

In addition to being an active physician and scientist, Dr. Altieri is also recognized as a generous professional, who demonstrates philanthropic activity and supports graduate and medical students in the island. He also sponsors basic research in cardiovascular area at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus. Currently, he is involved with Kinesis Foundation to promote university education among high school students from public schools in Puerto Rico. The lifelong mission of Dr. Altieri is to improve education and health in Puerto Rico through the formation and training of new physicians and scientists.