Attendance: 108
Posters: 54

Introduction
US Senator Jonny Isakson (video) -
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Keynote Speakers
Dr. David Hess, M.D., Dean, Medical College of Georgia, Stem Cells for Stroke: Reasonable Hope or Shallow Promise

Dr. Steven Stice, Ph.D., GRA Eminent Scholar, Director Regenerative Bioscience Center, University of Georgia, “Neural stem cell derived exosomes: a viable alternative to cell therapy?”

Awards
Young Investigator:
Dr. Yao Yao, Assistant Professor in Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences. “Pericytic laminin regulates blood brain barrier integrity and pathogenesis of intracerebral hemorrhage.”

Best Postdoc Poster:
Ellen Gillis, Ph.D., Department of Physiology, Augusta University. “Systemic Administration of an Angiotensin Type-2 Receptor Agonist Decreases Renal Regulatory T Cells”

Best Student Presentation:
Lu Zhu (Ph.D. Candidate), UGA College of Engineering. “Magnetic Powered Fe3O4 Nanorods for Drug Loading and Enhanced Drug Efficiency Therapy”

Travel Awards: 4 Students and 4 Post-Docs awarded based on abstract scores

High School Science Award
Four senior high school students from AR Johnson Magnet School for the Health Sciences in Augusta, GA won the school STEM competition to attend the STaR Conference

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