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**Re: 2015 SAGES Go Global: Best International Paper**

Dear Dr. Shuji Saito:

On behalf of the SAGES Board of Governors and the Global Affairs Committee, we would like to congratulate you on your abstract "*A Prospective Multicenter Study of Self-Expandable Metallic Stents as a Bridge to Surgery for Malignant Colorectal Obstruction in Japan: Efficacy and Safety in 313 Patients*" which has been selected as one of the top ranking "Best International Abstract" at this year's SAGES Surgical Spring Week, April 15-18, 2015, in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Global Affairs Committee would like to acknowledge your accomplishment by providing (1) SAGES Hand On Course Registration to Thursday's MIS Tricks and Techniques (valued at \$900) and a travel award in the amount of US \$1,100 to cover your SAGES registration expenses. Please note that the award is not transferable. If you forfeit the hands on portion you also forfeit the value of the award. Your award will be presented at the SAGES Foundation Awards Luncheon by Dr. Horacio Asbun, SAGES Global Affairs Chair.

Please be advised that you will not be going to the podium but to gather after the luncheon to receive your check. Please meet Ms. Christine Cahill, at the end of the luncheon for a photo opportunity and to collect your check and plaque. Please make sure you identify yourself at the luncheon to SAGES staff upon arrival.

**Wednesday, April 15, 2015**

**Location: Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Room Canal A**

**Time: 12:00PM -1:30PM**

Please complete the attached form and return to SAGES office by latest Wednesday, March 20, 2015. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email [Jacqueline@sages.org](mailto:Jacqueline@sages.org) or directly at 310-437-0544 extension 103.

**Please note: You must be present to receive your award and grant. Awards are not transferable.**

Kind regards,

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