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ILCAC Awards McCartor Fund Fellowships

Washington, DC – The International Light Cone Advisory Committee (ILCAC), incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2008 under SURA sponsorship, continued its McCartor Fund Fellowship program by awarding travel grants to two young scientists at its annual meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, September 5-8, 2016.

The McCartor Fund Fellowship program is funded by generous gifts from Sheila McCartor, Gary McCartor's widow, Gary's friends, and colleagues. The McCartor Fund Fellowship program received additional support from this year's Light Cone meeting in Lisbon, the JSA Initiatives Fund program, and Jefferson Lab.

The support for LC2016 allowed ILCAC to award McCartor Fellowships to two promising young physicists: María Gómez Rocha, who received her Ph.D. at University of Graz supervised by Prof. Wolfgang Schweiger and currently works at European Center for Theoretical Studies in Nuclear Physics and Related Areas (ECT*) as a Postdoc; and, Luca Mantovani, a Ph.D. student at University of Pavia supervised by Prof. Barbara Pasquini and Prof. Alessandro Bacchetta. The McCartor Fellowships enabled both awardees to attend the LC2016 conference where both awardees made oral presentations of their research works at the meeting.

During the conference, Prof. James Vary, chair of the fundraising committee and member of the ILCAC Board of Directors, reviewed the aims of the McCartor Fund Fellowship program in assisting promising young scientists in pursuing light-front related research. Prof. Vary commented, "Gary not only provided scientific leadership for our field but was very active in developing support for young scientists. In particular, he participated in conceptualizing this fund to provide training and travel support enabling young scientists to develop their expertise and contribute to forefront physics research. This fund was founded after his death and is named for him to honor his achievements and leadership efforts."

On behalf of ILCAC and LC2016, Prof. Chueng Ji, Prof. Teresa Peña and Prof. Alfred Stadler jointly presented the fellowship award certificates to the two awardees.

LC2016 attracted 56 participants, including many young researchers who attended this annual meeting for the first time. Judging from the number of youthful attendees, and their excellent presentations, the competition for next year's McCartor Fund Fellowships will be as keen as ever.



Gary McCartor Award recipients with LC2016 organizers and ILCAC members

From left: Anuradha Misra, John Hiller, Chueng Ji, Alfred Stadler, María Gómez Rocha, Stan Brodsky, Luca Mantovani, Wayne Polyzou, James Vary, Tobias Frederico, Teresa Peña, Giovanni Salmè, and Stan Glazek

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