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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 three young scientists at its annual meeting in École Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France, September 16-20, 2019.

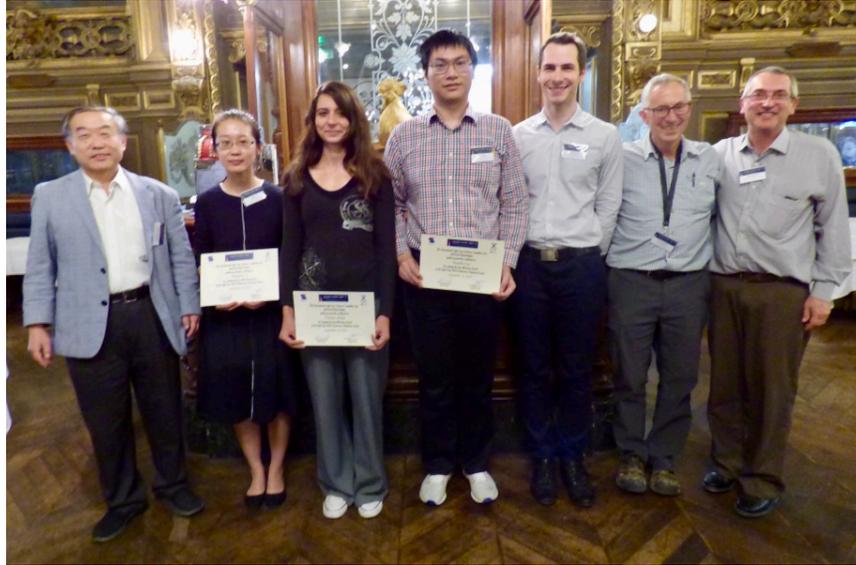
The McCartor Fund Fellowship program is funded by generous gifts from Sheila McCartor, Gary McCartor's widow, Gary's friends, and colleagues. The McCartor Fund Fellowship program received additional support from this year's Light Cone meeting in École Polytechnique, the JSA Initiatives Fund program, Jefferson Lab, CEA-IRFU, IPN Orsay, Institut Polytechnique de Paris, Université Paris-Saclay, CNRS, P2IO and GDR QCD.

The support for LC2019 allowed ILCAC to award McCartor Fellowships to three promising young physicists: Ms. Fatma Aslan, who is currently a Ph.D. student at New Mexico State, Las Cruces, supervised by Prof. Matthias Burkardt; Ms. Meijian Li, who is currently a Ph.D. student at Iowa State University, supervised by Prof. James Vary; Dr. Tianbo Liu, who received his Ph.D. at Peking University, supervised by Prof. Bo-Qiang Ma, and is currently a postdoc at Jefferson Lab in Newport News, Virginia.

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 LC2019, Prof. Chueng Ji and Prof. Cédric Lorcé jointly presented the fellowship award certificates to all three awardees.

LC2019 attracted 111 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 LC2019 host and ILCAC officers
From left: Chueng Ji, Meijian Li, Fatma Aslan, Tianbo Liu, Cédric Lorcé,
Wayne Polyzou, and Tobias Frederico.

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