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ILCAC Awards McCartor Fund Fellowship

Washington, DC – The International Light-Cone Advisory Committee (ILCAC), incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2008 under SURA sponsorship, continued its established McCartor Fund program by awarding a Fellowship to a young scientist at its meeting in Delhi, India, December 10-15, 2012.

Thanks to a generous gift by Sheila McCartor, Gary McCartor's widow, and generous gifts by Gary's friends, as well as the registration fee waiver from the meeting organizers, Lekha Adhikari, a PhD student at New Mexico State University supervised by Professor Matthias Burkardt, received this Gary McCartor Fellowship.

The Fellowship enabled the Awardee to attend LC2012-Delhi at the University of Delhi. Adhikari also delivered an invited talk presenting his research results at the meeting.

During the conference, Professor James Vary, chair of the fundraising committee and member of the Board of Directors of ILCAC reviewed the aims of the McCartor Fund Fellowship program in assisting promising young scientists in memory of a leading scientist in physics, Gary McCartor. 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 a 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 Sheila McCartor, Vary presented the fellowship award to Adhikari during the meeting.

The Delhi conference attracted 75 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 recipient Adhikari with ILCAC members. From left Daya Kulshreshtha, Stan Brodsky, Lekha Adhikari, Chueng Ji and James Vary.

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