

1994 NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARDS

The New Investigator Awards, sponsored by Serono Symposia, Inc., are given in recognition of outstanding research by young scientists. Each year, many excellent abstracts are submitted for the competition. From these, six are selected for final evaluation during presentation at the annual meeting. Although only presenters of the top two abstracts receive a plaque and monetary award, all finalists are considered to be winners.

The recipient of the first place award for 1994 is Limin Liu for his abstract entitled, "Silencing of human chorionic gonadotropin α -gene expression by transcription factor OCT-4," coauthored by



Douglas W. Leaman, Michel Villalta, and R. Michael Roberts. Limin Liu received his B.S. degree in biology from the University of Science and Technology of China in 1986. He is a doctoral student with Dr. R. Michael Roberts in the

Division of Biological Sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He expects to receive his Ph.D. in the spring of 1995; he is currently seeking a postdoctoral position.

The winner of the second place award is Adele M. Turzillo for her abstract entitled, "Ovine gonadotropin-releasing hormone receptor mRNA increases during luteolysis prior to a rise in serum estradiol," coauthored by T.M. Nett. Dr. Turzillo received her B.A. in Biological Sciences from Cornell University in 1984.

After working as a technician in Boston for two years, she returned to Cornell to pursue her doctoral degree in



Reproductive Physiology under the supervision of Dr. Joanne Fortune. She completed the Ph.D. in 1992 and is currently a postdoctoral fellow working with Dr. Terry Nett at Colorado State University. Dr. Turzillo was awarded an individual USDA Postdoctoral Fellowship in 1994. She plans to pursue a career in research and teaching.