

ISPOR Marilyn Dix Smith Leadership Award Presentation and Recipient Remarks from J. Jaime Caro, MDCM, FRCPC

The following remarks were given during the Second Plenary Session at the ISPOR 19th Annual European Congress on 1 November 2016, Vienna, Austria. Marilyn Dix Smith Award Committee Chair, Scott D. Ramsey, MD, PhD, introduced the 2016 award recipient, J. Jaime Caro, MDCM, FRCPC.

Award Presentation

The 2016 Marilyn Dix Smith Leadership Award recipient is J. Jaime Caro. Jaime has an extensive and distinguished record of serving our organization. As many of you know, Dr. Caro is Chief Scientist at Evidera in Boston and an Adjunct Professor of Medicine at McGill University in Montreal. He is one of the earliest members of ISPOR, and has been a regular contributor to its scientific program for nearly 20 years. During the course of service to ISPOR, Jaime has won such honors as a Best Research Podium presentation in 2002 and 2003, as well as the award for Best Research Poster presentation in 2008. Jaime has served in so many capacities at ISPOR that I can only mention a few during this brief introduction. In 2011, Jaime received ISPOR's Distinguished Service Awards for his roles as Chair of ISPOR-SMDM Modeling Good Research Practices Task Force and Chair of the Assessing Modeling Studies for Health Care Decision Makers Task Force. He has served as Co-Editor of the *Value in Health Regional Issues* since 2012, as a member of ISPOR's Health Sciences Policy Council since 2011, and as Co-Chair and member of ISPOR's Latin America Consortium Advisory Committee since 2008. Since 2009, he has been Past-Chair and a member of the ISPOR Short Course Development & Quality Assurance Committee. Most importantly he has been a mentor to students and junior ISPOR members throughout his tenure at ISPOR, and has taught numerous short courses on modeling and simulation.

In sum, Jaime's deep and longstanding commitment to ISPOR and its mission make him eminently qualified for the Marilyn Dix Smith Leadership Award. It is my honor and privilege to present the 2016 ISPOR Marilyn Dix Smith Leadership Award to J. Jaime Caro.

Acceptance Speech – J. Jaime Caro, MDCM, FRCPC

Hearing that I had been given the ISPOR Marilyn Dix Smith Service Award was a surprise and a great pleasure; well, a bit less of a pleasure when I discovered it was not the Young Investigator Award. It was a surprise because there are so many people that contribute so much to this Society and whose contributions are so much more significant than mine. It was a great pleasure because any award with Marilyn's name on it is a tremendous honor. Marilyn herself has been the greatest contributor to the enormous success of ISPOR, and she did this by inspiring people to devote their time and energy—sometimes a lot more time and energy than they had planned—to activities that advanced this field from a very humble beginning to a solid central presence in what is becoming a key factor in health care decision making: the assessment and balancing of value of the benefits and costs of providing health care to global populations.

In that vein then, I want to encourage those of you who are recent members or are still on the periphery of ISPOR to get more involved; to partake of the many opportunities to engage in what are always rewarding learning experiences and often groundbreaking pursuits. ISPOR offers many ways to do this already, and joining in is not difficult.

I know that it may seem to some of you that it is a bit of a closed club, with the same venerable names always popping up, but it really is not impenetrable. Raise your hand; volunteer; ask to be involved and you will find that not only does your contribution benefit the Society, but also that you profit greatly from the experience. And soon enough, you too will be part of that venerable old club!



J. Jaime Caro

And to the venerable among you, please do as much as you can to mentor the next generation of leaders. We need to make sure that the standards of contribution and leadership that Marilyn set are not only maintained, but furthered by a new group of young, enthusiastic ISPORians!

Thank you.

Additional information:

For more information on the Marilyn Dix Smith Leadership Award and other ISPOR Scientific Awards, go to page 37.

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