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Proposal for a DPF Divisional Prize

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Dear Colleagues,

This is for a first brief mention at our telecon we can then discuss further in Savannah.

Simon Kwan's recent death is a tragedy.

I propose that we honor Simon's life and work and his memory going forward with the creation of the Simon Kwan Award for Instrumentation. It could be an APS Award like the Panofsky Prize, but the APS make it very hard to establish such an award; for example they require raising very significant sums of money, I believe about 300K\$ to endow the award. While I believe we will be able to raise the money it could easily take a several years. Accordingly I suggest a phased approach. We use the format of a DPF divisional award (*) to get things started with a call for nominations later this year and the award to be made at DPF2015.

I included the suggestion of the Simon Kwan Award in my remarks delivered by Patty at Simon's Memorial service and they were well received. I had suggested this previously to Joel and Patty and they were thinking along similar lines. And since Simon's service I have had a number of emails expressing great enthusiasm for the idea. In addition one of the charges for CPAD was the creation of an instrumentation award and so this fits the bill.

What is the opinion of the DPF EC?

Ian

(*) As you know DNP (as noted by Bob) have several divisional awards that they created and they administer that do not carry a financial reward and so get around the financial constraints placed on the divisions by APS in the creation of APS prizes like the Panofsky Prize for which of order 300k\$ endowment is required. I have talked with Berndt Mueller DNP Chair about these prizes. DNP are satisfied with the awards

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