

AUA Alumna Gayane Yenokyan Receives “Best Paper Award”

YEREVAN - Gayane Yenokyan - AUA MPH Alumna - receives the 2010 “Best Paper Award” by *Circulation*, Journal of the American Heart Association.

Yenokyan, MD, MPH, Ph.D. has been selected as the winner of *Circulation's* “Best Paper Award” in the category of Population Science, for the article she co-authored “*Prospective Study of Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Incident Coronary Heart Disease and Heart Failure: The Sleep Heart Health Study*.” The 2010 award will be presented at the end of *Circulation's* symposium, “Groundbreaking Studies in the Practice of Cardiovascular Medicine,” to be held at the American Heart Association’s Scientific Session, on November 13, 2011, in Orlando.

Circulation publishes articles related to research in and the practice of cardiovascular diseases, including observational studies, clinical trials, epidemiology, health services and outcomes studies, and advances in applied and

basic research. The journal’s “Best Paper Award” is determined by the editors, who consider the paper’s importance in the field and evaluate usage statistics to identify those papers that have the greatest impact.

Circulation has the highest impact factor of all the cardiology journals”, says Dr. Haroutune Armenian, AUA President Emeritus, UCLA Professor of Epidemiology. “Dr. Yenokyan has been my advisee when pursuing her Ph.D. degree at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She collected her data for her Ph.D. research work in Armenia on Familial Mediterranean Fever, also known as Armenian disease. It was remarkable to witness her work on her research project with such a great enthusiasm, and simultaneously raise two little children at home”.

Such recognition is a testimony to the high quality of education that AUA’s academic programs continue to provide to its graduates to achieve excellence.