ATVB at ISTH: Sydney, August 6–12, 2005

Many ATVB members found their way to Sydney in August for the XXth Congress of the International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis (ISTH). ISTH, with over 2,800 members from 70 countries, shares many goals with ATVB. They include fostering scientific advances in hemostasis, standardization in coagulation nomenclature and methodology, and enhancing global hemostatic expertise through international scientific meetings and publications.

It was especially gratifying to find our ATVB journal represented among the exhibitions. Managing editor Melissa Schrader and her able assistant editor Connie Smith staffed ATVB’s booth. They provided Congress attendees with access to recent journal editions, information on council membership, manuscript submission (electronic submission: www.atvb.org), and compelling data on:

- journal impact (Impact Factor 7.4),
- time to manuscript decision (3.7 weeks),
- publication speed (e-publication: 8–12 days — ATVBeFirst; print: 6–8 weeks), and
- New Investigator Awards ($2500 for top papers in each journal section).

We appreciate Ms. Schrader’s and Ms. Smith’s efforts, as well as those of former ATVB council chair Katherine High, members Shaun Coughlin, David Ginsburg, David Phillips and others who were prominent among invited State of the Art and Plenary lecturers at this well-attended biennial meeting. Encouraging ISTH members to become ATVB members and submit manuscripts will enrich the already vibrant activities of our council and its journal.

ATVB at AHA: Scientific Sessions 2005, Dallas, November 13–16, 2005

ATVB orchestrated a full complement of basic and translational scientific sessions in Dallas.

- Two Sunday Morning Programs explored links among atherosclerosis, restenosis and angiogenesis and provided updates in lipid and thrombosis science.
- Daily 90-minute late-afternoon Cardiovascular Seminars covered a variety of topics in the ATVB scientific purview.
- Edward F. Plow, PhD, of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, gave The Sol Sherry Distinguished Lecture in Thrombosis, entitled “Regulation of Coagulation and Fibrinolysis,” on Monday afternoon.
- Elizabeth G. Nabel, MD, director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, discussed “Stem Cells in Atherosclerosis” in the Russell Ross Memorial Lecture on Vascular Biology.
- Donald D. Heistad, MD, of the University of Iowa, gave the George L. Duff Memorial Lecture on “Oxidant Signaling in Health and Disease” on Tuesday.
- The well-attended Women’s Leadership Luncheon and the Annual Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon were held at noon on Monday and Tuesday, respectively.
ATVB Merit Travel Award Winners

Richard Bitar, MD, MSc
University of Toronto
Novel Imaging Techniques to Define the Site, Cause & Outcome of Atherothrombosis in the Carotids

Munir Boodhwani, MD
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Atorvastatin Impairs Myocardial Angiogenic Response to Ischemia in Normocholesterolemic Swine

Richard Bundey, PhD
University of California, San Diego
Adenylyl Cyclase 6 Overexpression Inhibits Thrombin-Stimulated Increases in Endothelial Permeability

Kevin Cheung, BA
Rockefeller University, New York
Xanthine oxidase is necessary for adipogenesis and the generation of a PPAR-gamma ligand

Edward Choke, MBBS
University of London, England
The role of angiogenesis in abdominal aortic aneurysm rupture

Yangxin Li, PHD
Tulane University, New Orleans
IGF-1 Reduces Atherosclerotic Lesion Formation in ApoE Mice via an Anti-Inflammatory Effect

Sabyasachi Sen, MD, MRCP
Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston
Nicotinic & PDGF-R Function are Essential for Nicotine-Stimulated Mitogenesis in HVSMPs

Suzanne Lutgens
Maastricht University, Netherlands
The two faces of Cathepsin K deficiency in atherogenesis: profibrotic, but lipogenic

Nicholas Mills, MBChB
University of Edinburgh, Scotland
Inhalation of Particulate Air Pollution Impairs Vascular and Fibrinolytic Function in Man

Takashi Minami, PhD
University of Tokyo, Japan
VEGF and thrombin-induced feedback factor, DSCR-1, attenuates inflammation

Ivo Pestana, MD
University of Miami
Nicotinic & PDGF-R Function are Essential for Nicotine-Stimulated Mitogenesis in HVSMPs

Edward Thorp, PhD
Columbia University, New York
PPARg Agonists Exacerbate Free Cholesterol-Induced Macrophage (Mf) Death

Donghua Xie, MD, PhD
Duke University, Durham
The therapeutic effect of ZFP-VEGF on ischemic hindlimb of ApoE KO mice

Cissy Chenyi Zhou, PhD
University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston
Upregulation of Placental Soluble fms-Like Tyrosine Kinase 1 by AT1 Receptor Agonistic Autoantibodie

Coming Soon:
Meetings of Interest to ATVB Members

- **March 27, 2006**: 6th Annual Antithrombotic Update, Hyatt Regency, Dearborn, Mich. Details: SHELTON1@hfhs.org
- **April 27–29, 2006**: 7th Annual Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Conference, Denver Marriott City Center, Denver, Colo. Abstract deadline: 5 pm, CST, January 16, 2006. Details: scientificconferences@heart.org

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| Katherine High, MD, Immediate Past-Chair |

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