MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

If you attended Scientific Sessions 2011 in Orlando, FL, I hope that the meeting exceeded your expectations. If you were not there, you missed a great meeting. ATVB was well represented with numerous poster and platform presentations and many stellar lectures.

As usual, one of the highlights of the meeting was the special named lectures sponsored by the ATVB Council. As in past years, these lectures were truly outstanding in substance and style.

The George Lyman Duff Memorial Lecture in Arteriosclerosis, titled “GPIHB1, the Endothelial Cell Transporter for Lipoprotein Lipase,” was delivered by Steve Young, MD, FAHA, from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Young is a leader in the field of lipoprotein biology. Over the past few years, Young has focused on unraveling the mechanisms of hypertriglyceridemia and understanding how lipids modify proteins and their functions.

The Sol Sherry Distinguished Lecture in Thrombosis, titled “Initiation of Thrombus Formation: Novel Role for Thiol Isomerases,” was given by Bruce Furie, MD, from the Harvard Medical School. Furie is a world-renowned expert in the field of hemostasis and thrombosis. His research has contributed to our understanding of a broad range of scientific questions from thrombus formation to microparticles and their function in coagulation. Furie also has made significant contributions to the field through his innovative use of intravital microscopy in the study of thrombus formation.

David Cheresh, PhD, FAHA, from the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine, presented the Russell Ross Memorial Lecture in Vascular Biology. His impressive work — “MicroRNA Regulation of the Pathological Angiogenic Response” — focused on vascular biology, angiogenesis and tumor invasion and metastasis. His past work has led to the discovery of several small molecules to target various aspects of vascular disease and cancer biology. Cheresh’s current studies in microRNA continue to increase our understanding of angiogenesis in health and disease.

Two of our ATVB members — Robert Mahley, MD, PhD, from the J. David Gladstone Institutes in San Francisco; and Kenneth Mann, PhD, from the University of Vermont in Burlington — received Distinguished Scientist Awards from the AHA. We are grateful for their stellar scientific contributions over their careers and are proud that they are members of the ATVB Council.

An exciting development for our Council is the ATVB Mentoring Program, which was launched at Scientific Sessions 2011, thanks to the efforts of Kerry-Anne Rye, PhD, and Muredach Reilly, MD. This link — my.americanheart.org/atvbsessions — will provide details about the program and the opportunity to enroll as a mentor or mentee. We hope that you will sign up and help the Mentoring Program become another success story of the ATVB Council.

Finally, I encourage you to submit your best science for the 2012 Spring ATVB Conference, which will be held at the Hilton in Chicago. It promises to be an exciting meeting. The ATVB 2012 website is open (my.americanheart.org/atvbsessions) and waiting for your abstract submissions. We hope to see you all at the spring meeting. You have my best wishes for a successful 2012.

Message from the Editor

Amy S. Major, PhD, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

I would like to remind all of our Council members that the AHA has reinstated the Established Investigator Award. This is an additional funding mechanism for those who are eligible. Also, remember that any non-AHA member will be charged an application fee to submit grants. It is one more good reason to renew your membership or join today.

As always, the complete newsletter can be found at my.americanheart.org under the ATVB Council. Please feel free to email me with suggestions at amy.major@vanderbilt.edu.
Annual Awards and Business Luncheon

At the Business Luncheon, ATVB recognized the quality of our scientific contributions and the importance of the research we conduct. Unfortunately, membership in the ATVB Council is declining. If you are a member of the AHA, recruit a new member to the ATVB Council. If you are not a FAHA, become one. And if you are a FAHA, recruit a new one.

The ATVB leadership is developing incentives to encourage joining, renewing lapsed memberships or recruiting new members to the ATVB Council. If you are a former member of ATVB and would like to share why you decided not to renew or if you have new ideas for recruiting members to the Council, please contact our Membership and Communications chairs, Amy S. Major, PhD, at amy.major@vanderbilt.edu or Dena Thomas at dena.thomas@heart.org.

The ATVB Council presented its annual Special Recognition Awards to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the AHA and our Council. The winners were selected in the three categories that make up our membership:

**Arteriosclerosis:**
- Mahmoud Hussain, PhD, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Ruth McPherson, MD, PhD, University of Ottawa Heart Institute, Ontario, Canada

**Thrombosis:**
- Jeff Weitz, MD, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada
- Andrew Weyrich, PhD, University of Utah, Salt Lake City

**Vascular Biology:**
- Alan Daugherty, PhD, DSc, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.
- Jeanine D’Armento, MD, PhD, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
- Rob Hegele, MD, and Murray Huff, PhD, both from the University of Western Ontario, received the 2011 Distinguished Achievement Awards. With their numerous scientific contributions and extensive service to our Council, they are richly deserving of these recognitions. Congratulations to all award recipients.

Recognizing that young investigators represent the future of ATVB and the AHA, our goals are to provide opportunities for scientific interchange and networking among all colleagues of our Council. We encourage every Council member to visit our Early Career website (my.americanheart.org/earlycareer) and the ATVB website (my.americanheart.org/atvbsessions).

Early Career Corner

Updates from the ATVB Early Career Committee

Scientific Sessions 2011 represented one of the most successful meetings for young investigators in the ATVB Council, with multiple research recognition awards, networking opportunities and career-advising sessions throughout the meeting.

This year marked our first ATVB Early Career Investigator Award competition. From more than 40 outstanding applicants, we invited the five highest-scoring individuals to present their work and field questions from the selection committee. After much discussion, Peter Psaltis, MD, (Mayo Clinic) was announced as the winner at the ATVB Business Luncheon.

The ATVB Early Career Committee (ECC) will continue to sponsor this competition, and we encourage all eligible young investigators to apply for this manuscript- and talk-based award. The ECC also sponsored an award for the highest-scoring ATVB-related abstract at the meeting. Giacinta Guarini, MD (NEOUCOM) was this year’s winner.

Our Early Career Networking Reception continues to be a tremendous success. It drew more than 70 of the highest-scoring posters and more than 225 investigators and leaders in the ATVB Council and AHA. This is an excellent venue for early career investigators to present their work to a large number of junior and senior investigators, and the premier networking event for early career investigators at Scientific Sessions. This event continues to grow, thanks to generous sponsorship from Merck, Boehringer-Ingelheim and Isis Pharmaceuticals.

The Women’s Leadership Committee Networking Luncheon also continues to grow and serve as a key networking and advising session for young investigators. This year’s format featured the panel discussion, “Making Decisions that Shape Your Career,” with Daisy Sahoo, PhD, and Kathy Griendling, PhD, FAHA. The luncheon is rapidly becoming a “must attend” event for all investigators who are serious about mentoring and is a tremendous resource for male and female scientists alike.

We are preparing our morning sessions for the 2012 ATVB spring meeting. This year, we will have one session that focuses on grant writing, with an emphasis on competing for federal funding. Our second session will provide networking opportunities and small-group advising on early career issues from investigators who have recently transitioned to independent positions.

For more information regarding early career development opportunities, information on how to serve on the ATVB ECC, or to make suggestions for additional early career topics, please visit our website, my.americanheart.org/atvb-council, then click on the Early Career link. For more information, contact Dena Thomas at dena.thomas@heart.org.