From the Editor
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Our Thanks to Rong Tian!

On behalf of the Basic Cardiovascular Science Council, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Rong Tian for an outstanding job as our newsletter editor for the past four years. I will be the new newsletter editor, and I hope to build on Rong’s success. This is your newsletter, so please feel free to e-mail me your comments and suggestions for newsletter articles.

July brought additional changes to the Basic Cardiovascular Science Council. We have a new chair, Dr. Rick Kitsis, professor of medicine and cell biology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. I worked with Rick when we co-organized the summer 2003 BCVS meeting in Snowbird, and I know the council will flourish under his capable direction. We all extend a great thanks to Dr. Roberto Bolli for his outstanding leadership of this council.

Council Dinner To Be Held at Chicago Art Institute

Don’t miss the council dinner at the Chicago Art Institute starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Dr. Robert Lefkowitz will be the keynote speaker. These dinners have become a highlight of the AHA Scientific Sessions and tickets sell out early!
Katz and Marcus Awards Competitions Scheduled

The Louis N. & Arnold M. Katz Basic Science Research Prize for Young Investigators and the Melvin L. Marcus Young Investigator Award in Cardiovascular Sciences Competition will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 3:45 p.m., at McCormick Place. Each of the finalists will present their research. Winners will be announced at the BCVS Annual Council Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the Chicago Art Institute. Please plan to attend and support these superb young investigators.

**Louis N. & Arnold M. Katz Basic Science Research Prize for Young Investigators Finalists**

**Ivan Moskowitz, MD, PhD**
Children's Hospital, Boston
A Genetic Pathway Including Id2, Tbx5, and Nkx2-5 Required for Cardiac Conduction System Development

**Abhinav Diwan, MBBS**
University of Cincinnati
Nix in the Heart: Regulation of Developmental Apoptosis and Sarcoplasmic Reticular Calcium Stores

**Yu Liu, MD, PhD**
Baylor College of Medicine
Genome-wide Dissection of Wnt- and BMP-dependent Pathways: Identification of Sox17 as Essential for Cardiac Myocyte Formation by Embryonic Stem Cells

**Yasuhiro Izumiya, MD, PhD**
Boston University
Akt1-mediated Muscle Growth Will Regress Adiposity and Insulin Resistance in Obese Mice

**Roger Foo, MD, MRCP**
Cambridge University
Regulation of p53 Tetramerization and Nuclear Export by ARC

**Melvin L. Marcus Young Investigator Award in Cardiovascular Sciences Finalists**

**Xiongwen Chen, PhD**
Temple University
New Ventricular Myocytes with Distinct Physiological Properties Are Formed During Adolescent Cardiac Growth

**Ming-He Huang, MD**
University of Texas, Galveston
Obligatory Role of Intrinsic Cardiac Adrenergic Cells in ß-Opioid Receptor-initiated Heart Protection Against Myocardial Ischemia

**Hirotso Iwasaki, MD**
RIKEN Center, Kobe
Novel Therapeutic Mechanism of Placental Growth Factor in Myocardial Infarction: Tissue Repair Through Enhancement of Proliferation, Mobilization and Recruitment of BM-derived Stem Cells for Cardiac Myoangiogenesis

**Hiromichi Hamada, MD, PhD**
St. Elizabeth's Medical Center
Estrogen Receptors alpha and beta Mediate Contribution of Bone Marrow-derived Endothelial Progenitor Cells to Functional Recovery Following Myocardial Infarction

**Anastasios Lymperopoulos, PhD**
Thomas Jefferson University
Adrenal GRK2 Up-regulation Mediates Sympathetic Overstimulation in Chronic Heart Failure

3rd Annual Conference on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences — Another Success!

The 3rd Annual Symposium of the BCVS was held July 31–Aug. 3, 2006, at the Keystone Conference Center in Keystone, Colo. The meeting was co-organized by Drs. Roberto Bolli, Eric N. Olsen, Ryozo Nagai and Nadia A. Rosenthal. The focus was on Translation of Basic Insights into Clinical Practice. Congratulations to the three Outstanding Early Career Investigator Award finalists: Stefan Engelhardt, University of Wuerzburg, Germany; Hidemasa Oh, Kyoto University Hospital, Japan; and Toru Suzuki, University of Tokyo, Japan. The conference was outstanding and a great success. Congratulations to the organizers and participants!

The 4th Annual Symposium of the AHA Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences, entitled “Cardiovascular Repair and Regeneration: Structural and Molecular Approaches in the Cellular Era,” will be held July 30–Aug. 2, 2007, in Keystone, Colo. Drs. Mark Sussman and Sumanth Prabhu will co-chair the meeting.