The Council on Clinical Cardiology has a large number of members who are active and visible in their respective affiliates. The affiliates play an important role in our scientific activities and we are optimistic that such activity will increase. As seen below, our eight affiliates have a current total of 6,514 members who are active in this capacity. This number represents a majority of our total Council membership (Figure 1).

At this time we are initiating an affiliate scientific Council liaison program. This person can be vital as a link from Councils to affiliates. Although this has begun for our Council, it is likely that other Councils will subsequently be involved. This type of “science integration” will provide a conduit of information to our affiliate scientists.

A number of national Council scientific activities need the close cooperation and input of our affiliates. One of the most important is our Get With The Guidelines (GWTG) program. Cardiovascular scientists will often serve as speakers for GWTG programs in coronary artery disease, stroke and heart failure. Such is most important to help achieve patient benefits from these guidelines for secondary prevention especially around the nation in the affiliates.

Other scientific topics and AHA activities such as educational and research programs, Go Red For Women, Heart Galas, Heart Walks and Programs For Schools are among many that are implemented in our affiliates. In concert with this is the all important continuing effort to sustain and increase our AHA professional membership especially through our affiliates. This is an ongoing process and is centered around the Member-Get-A-Member program.

With the current mission of the AHA to “build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke,” there is more emphasis on issues of public health. This mission can be much more effectively met and accomplished through cooperative and integrated activities of our scientific Councils and our nationwide affiliates.

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The Council on Clinical Cardiology Congratulates You!

**Salim Yusuf** of Ontario, Canada received the Clinical Research Prize.

**Robert Furchgott** of Brooklyn, NY received the Distinguished Scientist Prize.

**Gary Balady** of Boston, Mass received the Distinguished Achievement Award.

**Prediman Krishan (P.K.) Shah** of Los Angeles, Calif was the 2008 Laennec Clinician/Educator Lecturer for his presentation “Vaccine for Atherosclerosis: Chasing the Holy Grail.”

**Kenneth Baughman** of Boston, Mass was recognized as the 2008 Laennec Master Clinician.

**Finalists for the Laennec Young Clinician Award were:**

- **Ryan Daly** of Cleveland, Ohio — Winner
- **Jameel Ahmed** of Boston, Mass
- **Kirsten Healy** of New York, NY
- **Karen Joynt** of Boston, Mass
- **Shriram Nallamshetty** of Boston, Mass

**Finalists for the Samuel A. Levine Young Clinical Investigators Award were:**

- **Jessica Mega** of Boston, Mass. — Winner
- **Smriti Banthia** of Chicago, Ill
- **Alexandru Chicos** of Chicago, Ill
- **Jacob Dal-Bianco** of Boston, Mass
- **Kentaro Yoshida** of Ann Arbor, Mich

**Women in Cardiology Mentoring Awards went to:**

- **Elyse Foster** of San Francisco, Calif
- **Judith Hochman** of New York, NY