The “Early Career and Fellow-in-Training Program” will be Nov. 13 at the AHA's Scientific Sessions 2010. This program is designed to provide career guidance on a wide range of topics for fellows-in-training and those within five years of completion of training. The program will expand on “Early Career and Fellow-in-Training Programs” at prior AHA meetings and will be followed with a plenary lecture and panel discussions related to the future of cardiovascular research and clinical practice. Editors of the AHA journals will lead panel discussions on training, choosing a mentor, writing grants and manuscripts, and keeping balance in your professional and personal life. Lunch will be provided with the opportunity to network with faculty and journal editors.

The afternoon sessions will include tracks for those interested in careers in basic and translational science, international research, clinical investigation, cardiovascular nursing, outcomes research, interventional cardiology and pediatric cardiology. These sessions will be followed by the Levine and Laennec Competition in the late afternoon and the Clinical Cardiology Reception and Dinner in the evening. For additional information, visit scientificsessions.org and click the Program tab (Early Career Day — Saturday).
Council Volunteers to receive AHA National Awards

The American Heart Association will recognize several distinguished volunteers at the Gold Heart Banquet and Awards Luncheon on June 22 and 23 in Dallas. Two members of the Council on Clinical Cardiology will be honored with national awards.

Gary J. Balady, MD, FAHA, professor of medicine at Boston University School of Medicine and director of noninvasive cardiology and preventive medicine at Boston Medical Center, will receive the Physician of the Year Award for his outstanding contributions toward advancing the association’s mission. Dr. Balady is a past Chair of the Council on Clinical Cardiology and has served on a number of association committees and task forces at the local, affiliate and national levels.

Charlie Shaeffer Jr., MD, FAHA, director of the Lipid Clinic at Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, Calif., will receive the Gold Heart Award. The award is the organization’s highest volunteer honor, recognizing distinguished service in advancing the objectives of the association on a national level. Dr. Shaeffer has been active through his service on committees and the Board of Directors of the Western States Affiliate as well as other committees at the affiliate and national levels.

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