Chair’s Report
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The Council on Cardiovascular Radiology and Intervention (CVRI) has been very active this past year with planning for Scientific Sessions 2006 in Chicago. CVRI has been instrumental in organizing several informative programs including “Fundamentals of Cardiac CT & MR,” “Vascular CT & MR,” “Advances in Nuclear Imaging” and “Assessing Myocardial Infarct Size.” Several How-To sessions will also be presented, such as “How to Perform CMR Stress Testing,” “How to Perform Coronary CT Angiography” and “How to Perform Non-Invasive Coronary Imaging.” The Melvin Judkins Young Investigator Awards and lectures are planned for Nov. 12, and the Charles T. Dotter Memorial Lecture will be on Nov. 14. This year, Dr. Richard White from the University of Florida College of Medicine Jacksonville, will present the Dotter Lecture, entitled “Cardiac Surgery: Pre- and Post-Operative Insights From MR and CT.”

The CVRI Planning Committee has done an excellent job of organizing and recruiting experts in their fields for these topics, and the meeting should prove to be very informative.

Scientific Sessions 2006 Program Highlights
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Sunday, Nov. 12
- Sunday Morning Program 16, 9:00 am: Fundamentals of Cardiac CT and MR
- Sunday Morning Program 21, 9:00 am: Vascular CT and MR Imaging
- Melvin Judkins Young Clinical Investigator Award, 3:45 pm
- Cardiovascular Seminar 74, 5:15 pm: Advances in Nuclear Imaging

Monday, Nov. 13
- How-To Session 38, 12:30 pm: How to Assess Myocardial Viability
- How-To Session 55, 12:30 pm: How to Perform CMR Stress Testing
- Ask the Experts 04, 12:30 pm: Training in CMR and MDCT
- Cardiovascular Seminar 79, 5:15 pm: Assessing Myocardial Infarct Size
- Cardiovascular Seminar 89, 5:15 pm: Late Gadolinium-Enhanced CMR – New Insights into the Myocardium

Tuesday, Nov. 14
- How-To Session 18, 12:30 pm: How to Perform Coronary CT Angiography
- Charles T. Dotter Memorial Lecture and Delayed Enhanced Cardiac MRI, 2:00 pm
- Cardiovascular Seminar 38, 5:15 pm: AHA/NHLBI 5th Annual Workshop on Cardiovascular Interventional MRI
- Cardiovascular Seminar 87, 5:15 pm: Imaging of Chest Pain Syndromes in the ED
- Cardiovascular Seminar 34, 5:15 pm: Noninvasive Cardiovascular Imaging: An Interactive Session
- Annual Reception, Business Meeting, and Awards Presentation, 6:30 pm, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Plaza A & B, $35

Wednesday, Nov. 15
- Ask the Experts 10, 12:30 pm: Controversies in Diagnostic Imaging: Stress Testing Versus Stenosis Detection
- How-To Session 56, 12:30 pm: How to Perform Noninvasive Coronary Imaging

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Charles T. Dotter Award and Memorial Lecture

The Charles T. Dotter Memorial Lecture will be given this year by Richard D. White, MD, FAHA. Dr. White has had a long and illustrious history with the AHA CVRI Council, serving in the past as chair and vice chair, and as a nominating committee member. He is now on the CVRI Leadership Committee and is vice chair of the Committee on Cardiovascular Imaging and Intervention. Dr. White was recently appointed professor and chairman, Department of Radiology, University of Florida & Shands Jacksonville. Dr. White received his medical degree from the Duke University School of Medicine in 1981, and spent a year in cardiovascular research as a Fellow of the Samoff Foundation for Cardiovascular Research in the Division of Cardiology at the Duke University Medical Center. He then completed residency training in Diagnostic Radiology, including an Internal Medicine internship, at the University of California, San Francisco. He completed a two-year combined clinical and research NIH fellowship in Cardiovascular Imaging at the Department of Radiology and the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California, San Francisco. After completing his training, Dr. White was director of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance at the Georgetown University Hospital and head of the Section of Cardiovascular Imaging at the University Hospitals of Cleveland, before assuming his position at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1989. Throughout his career, he has been concerned with the development, initial implementation, and broad-scale clinical application of advanced MRI techniques for anatomical and functional assessment of diseases of the heart and central vasculature. More recently, he has been involved in comparative and integrative work with both cardiovascular MRI and multi-detector CT.

Melvin Judkins Young Investigator Award in Cardiovascular Radiology

Please attend and support our Young Investigators. Congratulations to these finalists:

Stephen Cook, MD, Subendocardial Ischemia in Adults With Repaired Coarctation: A Mechanism for Early Ischemic Events
Richard George, MD, Quantitative Myocardial Perfusion Imaging Using Dynamic 64-Detector Computed Tomography
Manesh Patel, MD, Detection and Prognostic Significance of Myocardial Damage in Patients With Sarcoidosis Using DE-CMR
Anne-Catherin Pouleur, MD, Comparison of Planimetric and Continuity Equation Assessment of Aortic Valve Area by Cardio Magnetic Resonance and Echocardiography
Jason Rubenstein, MD, The Use of Contrast-Enhanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging After Acute Myocardial Infarction for Prediction of Future Ventricular Dysfunction and ICD Implantation Qualification