Nominations for the James B. Herrick Award, the highest honor presented by the American Heart Association’s Council on Clinical Cardiology, are being accepted through March 22, 2006. This award honors a physician whose scientific achievements have contributed profoundly to the advancement and practice of clinical cardiology. The Herrick Award, consisting of a medallion and citation, is conferred annually during the Council on Clinical Cardiology Annual Dinner and Business Meeting held during the Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association. The honoree is also invited to present a state-of-the-art lecture at the dinner. For more information on the Herrick Award, including criteria and nomination information, please visit http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3028995.

The Young Investigators and Clinicians Committee (YICC) of the Council on Clinical Cardiology (Clin Card) semiannual meeting in Dallas focused on renewing its commission from Clin Card Leadership to serve as an organ for disseminating and interpreting the preexisting products of the AHA intended to facilitate the transition from fellowship to investigator. Dr. Nelson B. Schiller inaugurated his tenure as chair, Dr. Edward Kasper began as co-chair and committee members were introduced: David Aguilar, MD; Michelle A. Albert, MD, MPH; Ervin R. Fox, MD, MPH; Rajiv Gulati, MD; Manesh R. Patel, MD; Frederick Ruberg, MD; Pinak Shah, MD; Mevan Wijetunga, MD; William T. Mahle, MD and Kimberly Skelding, MD. Dr. Gerald Fletcher, Clinical Cardiology vice-chair participated as an honored guest. Assignments were distributed to each committee member, principal among which were the evaluation and improvement of dedicated AHA Websites (principally Early Career Development http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3004035), and opening permanent channels of communication with program directors and fellows to disseminate authoritative information sources. Please watch for our periodic communications to fellows and young investigators and offer constructive comments as we execute this mission.

Membership Committee
Clinical Cardiology
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In 2006, one of the many goals of the membership committee is to increase the recruitment of fellows in training and young cardiologists to the Council on Clinical Cardiology. One step is to continue to inform and attract young cardiologists to the different opportunities for clinical and academic cardiologists at the time of fellowship and the transition time for the first job opportunity. The American Heart Association promotes the development of academic and clinical cardiologists to empower them for the future treatment of the number one cause of morbidity and mortality in the United States. Membership in the Council on Clinical Cardiology informs young cardiologists of volunteer opportunities for fund-raising in research as well as programs for the development of future academic cardiologists and leaders in the field of cardiovascular research.

We invite fellows in training and cardiologists starting their practice or first academic positions to join the Council on Clinical Cardiology and attend the council dinner at the annual Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association. The dinner provides the opportunity to meet senior cardiologists and leaders in the field of cardiology who have inspired and advanced the field of cardiology by their long-standing commitment and service to the Council on Clinical Cardiology of the American Heart Association.
Scientific Sessions
2005 Awards

Fellowship Travel Grant Winners

Vishal Arora, MD, Medical College of Georgia
Shawn A. Baldwin, MD, University of Florida College of Medicine
Peter Cawley, MD, University of Washington Medical Center
Veronica Franco, MD, University of Alabama Medical Center
Javid Moslehi, MD, Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Benjamin Reinking, MD, University of Iowa
Raja Varma, MD, New York Medical College
Mark Vesely, MD, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine
Erik Wissner, MD, Mayo Clinic Arizona
Stephen Zouzoulas, MD, Medical College of Virginia/VCU

Distinguished Achievement Award.
Robert Bonow, recipient

James B. Herrick Award. L–R: Bertram Pitt (recipient) and Gerald Fletcher

Samuel A. Levine Young Clinical Investigator Award Finalists. L–R: Darshan Dalal, Thomas J. Bunch (Winner), Stephen Nicholls, and Gerald Fletcher. Zoran Popovic and Sharmalar Rajendran are missing from the photo.

Women in Cardiology Mentoring Award. L–R: Brenda Armstrong (recipient) and Gerald Fletcher

Women in Cardiology Mentoring Award. L–R: Robert Bonow (recipient) and Gerald Fletcher

Laennec Clinician/Educator Lecture. L–R: Richard Kerber (lecturer) and Elyse Foster

Laennec Clinician Award. L–R: Frank Marcus (recipient) and Elyse Foster

Laennec Master Clinician Award. L–R: Elyse Foster, Sanjiv Shah, Minang Turakhia, Judith Meadows, Aslan Turer, Anshul Patel (Winner), Gerald Fletcher

Laennec Young Clinician Award Finalists. L–R: Elyse Foster, Sanjiv Shah, Minang Turakhia, Judith Meadows, Aslan Turer, Anshul Patel (Winner), Gerald Fletcher