The ATVB Council has recently undergone an assessment by the Council Operations Committee. We received accolades for our growing membership, our strong participation in our spring meeting and Scientific Sessions, and the high quality of our Journal. We also received some recommendations to further strengthen the council. This included encouragement to improve communications of Council activities to our members. We are responding by enhancing our Web site, newsletter, and e-mail blasts. The Council was also asked to develop structures that would promote the involvement of early career investigators. Muredach Reilly, our early career representative on the ATVB Leadership Committee, has developed a list of initiatives that we look forward to implementing. Finally, we were asked to encourage members to participate in Federal Lobby Day (April 23–24). If anyone has any suggestions for these or any other issues, please feel free to contact me — alan.daugherty@uky.edu. I also look forward to talking to you about the Council at our spring conference in Chicago!

From the Chair
Alan Daugherty, PhD, DSc

Message from the Editor
Kathryn J. Moore, PhD

The complete newsletter can be found on my.americanheart.org under the ATVB Council. We are continuing to improve the Web site, where you can find information on Council activities, awards, lectures and early career development opportunities. Please feel free to e-mail me with suggestions at kmoore@moltbio.mgh.harvard.edu.

Highlights from Scientific Sessions in Chicago

ATVB orchestrated an exciting complement of basic and translational scientific sessions in Chicago. As usual, the ATVB distinguished lectures were a highlight of the fall program.

Jay Degen, PhD, of the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, gave the Sol Sherry Distinguished Lecture in Thrombosis entitled “Crosstalk between the Hemostatic and Inflammatory Systems.” This lecture honors the founder of the Council on Thrombosis, Dr. Sol Sherry, whose efforts to promote the study of thrombosis also resulted in the formation of the International Society on Thrombosis and Homeostasis and the creation of Specialized Centers of Thrombosis Research (NHLBI).

Gustav Schonfeld, MD, of the Washington University School of Medicine, gave the George Lyman Duff Memorial Lecture, entitled “Familial Hypobetalipoproteinemia (FHBL), a Unique Form of Fatty Liver.” Established in 1956 by the Society for the Study of Arteriosclerosis, this lecture honors Dr. George Lyman Duff, one of Canada’s most distinguished pathologists and medical educators.

Mark Taubman, MD, of the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, gave the Russell Ross Memorial Lecture in Vascular Biology, entitled “Tissue Factor as a Mediator and Marker of Cardiovascular Disease: New Roles for an Old Molecule.” This distinguished lectureship, established in 1982 and renamed in 1999 in honor Dr. Russell Ross, recognizes scientific contributions to the field of vascular biology.
The annual committee reports revealed that our Council continues to grow in strength. ATVB Council membership has increased and the impact factor of our journal, *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology*, continues to climb. In recognition of their outstanding contributions, this year’s ATVB Council Special Recognition Awards were presented to the following:

- **Thomas Bersot**, MD, PhD, University of California San Francisco
- **Guy Chisolm**, PhD, Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- **Frank Faraci**, PhD, University of Iowa
- **William Fay**, MD, University of Missouri
- **William Haynes**, MD, University of Iowa
- **Stephen Lentz**, MD, PhD, University of Iowa

In addition, **Linda Curtiss**, PhD, of the Scripps Research Institute and **Jan Breslow**, MD, of the Rockefeller University, were the recipients of the Distinguished Achievement and Distinguished Scientist Awards, respectively. Congratulations to all of the award winners!

### In Appreciation

During Donald Heistad’s eight-year tenure (1999 to present) as editor of *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology*, the journal has flourished. Its impact factor has increased by 39 percent, to 7.1, while the impact factors of other journals in this area did not change considerably. During that same period, the number of submissions has doubled and the time to first decision has dropped by 50 percent, from six to three weeks. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Don and the overseas editors, Goran Hansson and Akira Takeshita, for their stewardship. Their efforts have succeeded in making ATVB the premiere journal for our field.

### 8th Annual Conference on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology

The Annual Conference on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology will be held at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago, April 19–21, 2007. Our Council’s spring meeting has grown tremendously in popularity during the eight years since the inaugural meeting. This 2½-day meeting is an outstanding forum for the exchange of scientific information in the ATVB research areas. The meeting format, with many invited and poster presentations on emerging research in lipids and lipoproteins, arteriosclerosis, thrombosis and vascular biology, is designed to maximize thought-provoking information exchange among scientists. In particular, this meeting provides ample opportunities for young scientists to interact with more senior scientists in their research area, and we urge you to encourage your trainees to attend. Other highlights include the Annual ATVB Council Dinner, the ATVB Women’s Leadership Luncheon and the presentation of the Hoeg, Page and Brinkhous Awards. The ATVB Council offers twenty Travel Awards for Young Investigators to support the efforts of early career investigators in cardiovascular research. For more details on the program and the latest conference information, please visit the Web site under the “Conferences and Education” tab at my.americanheart.org.