We're well into planning for Scientific Sessions 2007, scheduled Nov. 4–7, in Orlando, Fla. The American Heart Association’s annual meeting offers you a unique opportunity to gather with colleagues from around the world in an exciting educational and professional environment. The scope and quality of the scientific exchange make Scientific Sessions the premier cardiovascular research and instructional meeting in the world.

The American Heart Association’s Committee on Scientific Sessions Program has again carefully selected a broad base of content at the forefront of research and clinical practice, including more than 4,000 abstracts of original research and a variety of invited programs. The extensive scientific program will be arranged in three broad areas of clinical, basic and population science. In response to the ever-increasing integration of research and patient care, Scientific Sessions 2007 will also include cross-disciplinary translational science.

Scientific Sessions will have programs of special interest to interventional cardiologists, electrophysiologists and nurses. These programs will include new Daytime Seminars with cutting-edge clinical content. An International Congress on Stem Cells and Myocardial Regeneration will run concurrently with Scientific Sessions — featuring the most internationally renowned investigators in the field.

Oral and poster presentations will be further organized into clusters reflecting specialty areas of interest. Enhancements in the presentation of original science include expanded moderated poster sessions and online availability of all poster presentations.

A major goal of Scientific Sessions remains the cross-disciplinary commitment to cardiovascular care, a core strength of the American Heart Association.

Continuing to respond to the needs of our attendees, we’ve made numerous enhancements for Scientific Sessions 2007 including:

• Special Sessions — called “Clinical Practice 2007” — focus on current standards of care for practicing clinicians. This year’s Clinical Practice sessions will address echocardiography, cardiomyopathy and CT coronary angiography.

• Additional seminars on catheter-based interventional therapies will include peripheral vascular and coronary topics.

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Increased Saturday programs to include resuscitation science, interventional cardiology, early career development, functional genomics, cardiovascular nursing, heart disease in women and the International Congress on Stem Cells and Myocardial Regeneration.

Plenary Session presentations of Late-Breaking Clinical Trials will continue to be held on each day. Special Sessions will also include highlights from other cardiovascular meetings. Other highlighted presentations will include Clinical Trials of first in man therapies and pivotal outcomes research.

ACLS certification and on-site skills testing will be available.

Furthermore, we’re making several logistical changes to Scientific Sessions in 2007, including moving all How-to and Ask-the-Expert sessions to the morning to allow for an expanded mid-day break for visiting posters and the exhibit hall. We will continue enhancements such as encore theaters, simulcast presentations and networking lounges.

Scientific Sessions continues to evolve and improve with the input from our attendees. Thank you for your input in the past and we hope you have the opportunity to experience the enhancements to our meeting. Come join us in Orlando! Visit www.scientificsessions.org for complete program details.

The American Heart Association created a Distinguished Scientist designation in 2003 to recognize those members who have made major and independent contributions to cardiovascular and stroke research. Since implementation, this prestigious title has been bestowed upon 41 prominent scientists whose work has importantly advanced our understanding of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

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Of Interest To Your Patients...

THE MYSTERIOUS HUMAN HEART, airing Mondays, October 15, 2007, 9:00–11:00 p.m. ET and/or October 22, 2007, 9:00–10:00 p.m. ET on PBS (check local listings), is a new in-depth, comprehensive television series from award-winning filmmaker David Grubin about the heart: how it works, what can go wrong with it and how we treat it. The three-part series follows the true, compelling stories of men and women, young and old alike, whose hearts have led them to a brush with mortality. Through these encounters, the series explores the most common misconceptions about this unique organ and documents the latest scientific and medical revelations — discoveries that have transformed our understanding of the heart and given us new insights into the best ways to prevent heart disease and treat it when it does occur.

As an extension to the broadcast of THE MYSTERIOUS HUMAN HEART, Thirteen/WNET New York will oversee a community outreach campaign that partners with leading heart health organizations like WomenHeart and the American Heart Association, as well as with local public television stations around the country to bring heart health and awareness to local communities. Special attention will be paid to women and minorities. For more information, visit myamericanheart.org.
The American Heart Association would like to welcome all our international attendees to Orlando, Fla. for Scientific Sessions. More than 8,000 healthcare professionals from over 56 countries attended last year’s event. We have many new exciting offerings for our international audience.

**Scientific Sessions**
Starting Saturday, Nov. 3–Wednesday, Nov. 7
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida

The **International Congress on Stem Cells and Myocardial Regeneration** will run concurrently with Scientific Sessions and will feature the most internationally renowned investigators in the field. Topics include:

- Myocardial and Vascular Regeneration
- Embryonic and Adult Stem Cells
- Controversies in Myocardial Regeneration
- Stem Cell Niches

**Joint Programming**
- AHA/ESC Joint Session: Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease — Stents versus CABG?
- AHA/HRS Joint Session: Arrhythmia Devices — Scientific Principles and Case Studies
- Joint AHA/ESC Session: Reversing Heart Failure

**New Services — International Lounge**
Location: 4th Floor, Convention Center
Saturday, Nov. 3, 1–6 p.m.
Sunday–Wednesday, Nov. 4–7, 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- Interpreters (English, German, Swedish, Spanish, French, Italian and Japanese)
- Tea and Coffee (while supplies last)
- Internet Access — WI-FI
- Educational Opportunities on: Mentoring, FAHA and Early Career

- Joint AHA/HRS Session: Clinical Practice 2007: Catheter Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation — State of the Art from Five Different Laboratories
- AHA/Asia Pacific Society of Cardiology Joint Session: Sudden Cardiac Death — East vs. West
- AHA/Sociedad Espanola de Cardiologia/Sociedad Interamericana de Cardiologia Symposium
- Issues and Challenging Cases of Sexual Dysfunction (Cosponsored by the European Society of Cardiology Council on Cardiovascular Nursing and Allied Professions)

**International Mentoring Program**

To support young physicians and scientists outside the United States, the AHA has established this program to provide networking opportunities, advice and advocacy that will be meaningful and useful in your professional development. Connect with a United States mentor, who will contact you by e-mail and meet with you at Scientific Sessions. Your mentor will help orient you to the meeting, accompany you to Council meetings and events, introduce you to the leaders in your field and provide other resources to help in your career development. [www.americanheart.org/mentoring](http://www.americanheart.org/mentoring).
AHA/ASA Interdisciplinary Working Groups

Atherosclerotic Peripheral Vascular Disease

Nov. 4
9:00 am  Carotid Bifurcation Disease: Conflicting Opinions, SMP.10
5:15 pm  Aortic Aneurysms: Pathogenesis and Clinical Implication, CVS.35
5:15 pm  Lymphatic Vascular Disease, CVS 36
5:15 pm  Novel Risk Factors for Peripheral Arterial Disease, CVS.37
5:15 pm  Endovascular Intervention: What’s Hot and What’s Not, CVS.38

Nov. 5
3:45 pm  Controversies in Endovascular Therapy, DS.07

Nov. 6
7:45 am  Renal Artery Stenosis: An Evidence-Based Approach, HTS. 18
9:00 am  Carotid Artery Disease, DS.13
10:45 am  Renal Artery Disease, DS.14
2:00 pm  Peripheral Artery Disease, DS.15
3:45 pm  Controversies in PCI, DS.19

Nov. 7
10:45 am  PCI in High Risk Patients, DS.17
2:00 pm  PCI in High Risk Lesions, DS.18

Functional Genomics & Translational Biology

Nov. 4
9:00 am  Translating Genomic Findings into Biologic Function: Examples and Approaches, SMP. 09
5:15 pm  Genomics and Proteomics in Clinical Practice, CVS.31

Nov. 5
7:45 am  How to Use Functional Genomics to Test Hypotheses in Cardiovascular Science, HTS.15
5:15 pm  Transcription Factors in Human Cardiovascular Disease: Insights From Genomic Studies, CVS.30

Nov. 6
7:45 am  How to Characterize Phosphorylated Proteins: The Protein Outcome of Signaling Cascades, HTS.16
10:45 am  Cardiovascular Pharmacogenomics: Advances and Challenges in Personalized Medicine, SS.07
5:15 pm  Changing the Paradigm: Modification and Regulation of the Mitochondria, CVS.29

Quality of Care and Outcomes Research

Nov. 4
9:00 am  Understanding the Literature: Caveats in Interpreting New Evidence, SMP.14
5:15 pm  Quality Improvement Initiatives in Cardiology, CVS.42

Nov. 5
9:00 am  Diabetes from Bench to Bedside: Understanding the Epidemic, PS.02

Nov. 6
7:45 am  Starting a Career in Outcomes Research, ATE.07
A Survey Results:  
Heart Profilers® Users Report Better Understanding of Condition, Greater Adherence to Medication

An American Heart Association survey found that patients who used the association’s online heart disease education program were more aware of treatment options than Internet-using patients who did not use the association’s program.

Those who used the free, patient-friendly Heart Profilers® — an Internet-based education program that guides people through treatment options for various conditions — were also more likely to ask their doctors about their care. These survey results were released in May 2007 and presented at the American Heart Association’s 8th Scientific Forum on Quality of Care and Outcomes Research in Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.

The survey found that patients who used Heart Profilers were 1.58 times more likely than non-users to be aware of four or more atrial fibrillation treatments. And they were 1.56 times more likely to ask their doctors about medications or treatments that they had heard about outside the doctor’s office.

Heart Profilers users can complete a questionnaire to receive a free, confidential, personalized treatment options report. Users receive information based on peer-reviewed, scientifically based literature, regarding success rates of various treatment options, potential medication side effects and questions to ask their healthcare providers. Patients also have access to medical journal abstracts and research studies written in an easy-to-understand format.

“This format takes the patient to accurate and up-to-date information,” said Ileana Piña, M.D., professor of medicine at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and senior author of the study. “Other Internet sites may be replete with misinformation. It may be difficult for the average patient to separate accurate education from false information. Their trust in the American Heart Association allows them to be confident about the education they receive and access for themselves.”

The survey was designed to examine the association between use of the Heart Profilers program and patient knowledge and behavior. Patients with coronary artery disease, atrial fibrillation, heart failure, high cholesterol or high blood pressure who registered to use Heart Profilers were invited to answer an Internet questionnaire. Their responses were compared with a randomly selected control group who had not used Heart Profilers.

Consistent with their greater understanding of medications, heart failure and atrial fibrillation patients

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The American Heart Association continues to fund important research that helps us learn more about how physical activity impacts heart health. Thanks to our investment in this type of research over the years, the association is able to make exercise and fitness recommendations to help adults achieve a heart-healthy lifestyle through physical activity. To learn more about the physical activity recommendations for adults and how to implement them into your lifestyle, go to http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=1200013
Greetings from the Chair
Alan Daugherty, PhD, DSc, FAHA

While we had a record attendance at the spring ATVB Conference, we realize that many of our members were not able to attend the meeting in Chicago. To compensate for this deficiency, we are pleased to offer a service that enables everyone to see and hear the presentations from our conference on the Web. There are links from the ATVB Web site to the presentations at our conferences from 2005 onwards. Bill Fay and his committee are working hard on developing the program for the 2008 conference. We will be meeting in Atlanta (Omni Hotel at the CNN Center), on April 16–18. Please note that this meeting will be held on Wednesday through Friday. The deadline for abstract and award application deadline is January 15, 2008. For more information, visit http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3047906.

In November, many of us will be traveling to Orlando for Scientific Sessions. Kathy Griendling and her committee have developed an excellent program to cover all areas of our Council’s science. From Sunday to Wednesday, there will be many oral and poster presentations of submitted abstracts, invited presentations, and “HT” sessions. Also, I hope we will see you at the ATVB business and awards luncheon on Tuesday afternoon, November 6th, and at the Early Career Investigators reception and poster presentation that evening.

As always, if you ever have any comments or suggestions regarding Council activities, please feel free to contact me at alan.daugherty@uky.edu.

Message from the Editor
Kathryn J. Moore, PhD

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

Early Career Networking Reception at Sessions

ATVB is hosting an event on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, during Scientific Sessions to facilitate networking. The reception will provide an informal forum for presentations of posters by Early Career members whose abstracts were most meritoriously graded. In particular, this reception will provide opportunities for young scientists to interact with more senior scientists in their research area, and we encourage all ATVB members to attend. The event will be held in the Rosen Center Hotel (adjacent to the Convention Center), at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided.
**Scientific Sessions 2007**  
**ATVB Highlights**  
**Nov. 4–7, Orlando, FL**

**Sunday, Nov. 4**

9:00 am  
Clinical Lipidology and Thrombosis Updates, SMP 04

9:00 am  
Arteriogenesis and Collaterals, SMP 02

9:00 am  
Bringing Proteomics to the Clinic: From Discovery to Validation, SMP 03

9:00 am  
Genetics of Coronary Artery Disease and Myocardial Infarction, SMP 01

5:15 pm  
Progenitor Cells: Functional Sources of Differentiated Cells in the Adult or Nursemaids of Local Cell Growth? CVS 06

5:15 pm  
Fibrinogen: Its Diverse Role in Vascular Biology, CVS 03

5:15 pm  
Macrophage Lipid Homeostasis: Relevance for Atherosclerosis, CVS 08

5:15 pm  
Adipose Tissue, Inflammation and Vascular Risk, CVS 01

5:15 pm  
Calcific Aortic Valve Disease: A Disease Process Comes of Age, CVS 05

**Monday, Nov. 5**

7:45 am  
Is Treating to LDL Goal Sufficient? What Is the Role of Combination Therapy?, ATE 01

7:45 am  
How to Use Animal Models of Diabetes to Study Cardiovascular Disease, HTS 03

7:45 am  
How to Define Atherosclerotic Vulnerability in Mice and Man, HTS 04

5:15 pm  
Low-HDL Cholesterol: A Secondary Target for Cardiovascular Event Reduction, CVS 07

5:15 pm  
Novel Aspects of Lesion Development in Patients with Diabetes, CVS 10

5:15 pm  
Pro- and Antioxidative Enzymes Regulating Vascular Function, CVS 12

5:15 pm  
Tissue-Engineering Therapy for Cardiovascular Disease, CVS 02

5:15 pm  
Adventitial Inflammation in Atherosclerosis, CVS 13

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**

7:45 am  
How to Make Tissue-Specific Knockout/Knock-in Animals, HTS 01

2:00 pm  
Is There a Clinical Role for Inflammatory Markers? SS 08

5:15 pm  
Aspirin Resistance: Definitions, Mechanisms, and Evidence, CVS 11

5:15 pm  
Genetic Basis of Aortic Aneurysmal Diseases, CVS 14

5:15 pm  
Mechanotransduction and Vascular Disease, CVS 09

5:15 pm  
Systemic Inflammation and Cardiovascular Disease, CVS 13

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**

7:45 am  
Understanding Your Lipid Panel: The Scientific and Clinical Relevance of Different Lipoproteins and Lipoprotein Subfractions, ATE 02

7:45 am  
How to Apply Proteomics in Cardiovascular Disease, HTS 02

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Join us in Orlando for our Council’s Young Investigator Competitions on Sunday and our dinner on Tuesday. Also congratulations to our distinguished colleagues who will be honored for the outstanding contributions to cardiovascular research. I would also like to introduce Dr. Hossein Ardehali, from Northwestern University Medical School, who was just appointed as the co-editor of the newsletter. Thank you and see you in Orlando!

Marcus Award Finalist
Sunday, Nov. 4 at 5:15 p.m.

The competition for the Melvin L. Marcus Young Investigator Award in Cardiovascular Sciences will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4. Five finalists have been selected to present their work. The winner will be announced at the Council dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

**Dr. Michael Potente** of the University of Frankfurt, Germany, will present his work entitled “SIRT1 Controls Endothelial Angiogenic Functions During Vascular Growth and Maturation.”

**Dr. Marcello Rota** of New York Medical College, Valhalla, will present on “Formation of Temporary Niches is Required for Bone Marrow Cells to Adopt the Cardiomyogenic Fate In Vivo.”

**Dr. Soichiro Usui** of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey will present on “Proapoptotic Kinase Mst1 Restricts Myocyte Hypertrophy by Managing Unfolded Protein Responses.”

**Dr. Junko Kurokawa** of Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Japan will present on “Receptor-independent Effects of Estrogen on the hERG Channel Predispose Women to Drug-induced Arrhythmias.”

**Dr. David Harris** of Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, will present on “Cardiac Dysfunction and Remodeling with Chronic High Blood Pressure Occurs Through Cardiomyocyte Gq Signaling.”

Katz Award Finalist
Sunday, Nov. 4 at 3:45 p.m.

The Louis N. & Arnold M. Katz Basic Science Research Prize for Young Investigators finalists will present their work in a competition on Sunday. The five finalist and the titles of their presentations are listed.

**Dr. Johannes Backs**, Universitat Heidelberg, Germany, “Differential Regulation of Histone Deacetylase 4 by CaM Kinase 11 and Protein Kinase A in Response to Cardiac β-Adrenergic Signaling.”

**Dr. Tetsuro Ago**, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, “Redox-meditation Regulation of HDAC4, a Class 11 HDAC, by Thioredoxin1 Through Interaction with DnaJb5, a Heat Shock Protein 40.”

**Dr. Noboru Ashida**, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, “Endothelial-specific Deletion of Inhibitor of Kappa-B Kinase-β (IKK-β).”


MARK YOUR CALENDARS
The 2008 Basic Cardiovascular Sciences Summer Conference will be held July 28–31 at the Keystone Conference Center in Keystone, Colo. This meeting, which will focus on “Heart Failure: Molecular Mechanism and Therapeutic Targets,” will be organized by Drs. Daniel Kelly, Kenneth Walsh, Issei Komuro and Bart Staels. Abstract submission opens Jan. 28, 2008 and closes April 7, 2008. Advance registration begins on March 3, 2008.

Basic Cardiovascular Science Council members will receive awards

The Research Achievement Award will be presented to Dr. Edmund Sonnenblick from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. This award recognizes lifetime scientific achievements and/or educational efforts in the field of cardiovascular research.

Dr. Francois Abboud was selected as a Distinguished Scientist for 2007. This is the highest designation of American Heart Association membership.

Dr. Marc Pfeffer will receive the Clinical Research Prize.

Council Dinner at Sea World Tuesday, Nov. 6

The Basic Cardiovascular Science Council dinner has been the social highlight of Scientific Sessions. This year’s dinner will be at Ports of Call inside Sea World Orlando. Dr. Victor Dzau of Duke University will be the after-dinner speaker. Tickets are limited. This event has sold out early in recent years. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to meet with your colleagues over great food.

4th Annual Basic Cardiovascular Science Summer Conference highlights

The meeting, which focused on cardiovascular repair and regeneration, was held July 30–Aug. 2 in Keystone, Colo. Drs. Capogrossi, Fukuda, Prabhu, and Sussman organized this successful gathering. Highlights included these presentations by the three Outstanding Early Career Investigators:

Dr. Burns C. Blaxall, University of Rochester Medical Center, “Small Molecule Targeting of Gβγ Reduces β-Adrenergic Receptor Desensitization and Normalizes Cardiac Dysfunction in an Acute Heart Failure Model.”

Dr. Michael E. Davis, Emory University School of Medicine, “Encapsulation of a Small Molecular p38 Inhibitor for Cardiac Regeneration.”

Dr. Giorgio Lagna, Tufts–New England Medical Center, “Control of Phenotypic Plasticity of Smooth Muscle Cells by BMP Signaling Through the Myocardin-related Transcription Factors.”
Research by Lance B. Becker, MD, FAHA; Vinay Nadkarni, MD, FAHA; and other CPCC members was featured in the cover story of the July 23, 2007 issue of Newsweek. The story, entitled “Back from the Dead,” featured both the science and the human face of cardiopulmonary arrest and resuscitation science. In an accompanying Web version of the article, a video of Dr. Becker and his colleagues highlights therapeutic hypothermia as a treatment option after resuscitation.

See the article at:
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/19751440/site/newsweek/

The internet video can be found at:
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12318129/site/newsweek/?bctid=1113465371

Fritz R. Sterz, MD, PhD, professor, Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Vienna, is widely regarded as an international leader in the field of cardiac arrest and resuscitation science, and specifically in the use of therapeutic hypothermia as a means to achieving improved survival and neurologic outcomes. Dr. Sterz has published over 200 manuscripts, book chapters and review articles, and has served on numerous international committees and study groups related to emergency cardiovascular care. He has a long history of involvement with the American Heart Association, the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation and the European Resuscitation Council. His leadership within the Hypothermia after Cardiac Arrest (HACA) Study Group led to the landmark New England Journal of Medicine publication, “Mild Therapeutic Hypothermia to Improve the Neurologic Outcome after Cardiac Arrest.” He remains a prolific investigator, admired mentor, talented educator and dedicated physician. To his great credit, many of his previous students have become accomplished independent investigators in related fields.

In the Dickinson W. Richards Lecture, Dr. Sterz will describe the current landscape of resuscitation care and both novel approaches and timing of hypothermia in the setting of cardiac arrest. Dr. Sterz will challenge conventional thinking on approaches to this challenging clinical problem which claims over 250,000 victims each year in the United States alone.

Scientific Sessions 2007
Dickinson W. Richards Memorial Lecture
Fritz R. Sterz, MD, PhD
“To cool or not to cool...”

Highlights of CPCC Scientific Sessions Events

Sunday, Nov. 4
9:00 am SMP 05: Clinical Trials in Resuscitation: What's Gone Wrong?
3:45 pm–5:00 pm Courand and Comroe Young Investigator Prize Competition

Monday, Nov. 5
5:15 pm–6:45 pm CVS. 16: Cardiac Dysfunction of Critical Illness
CVS. 17: Cardiocerebral Resuscitation

Tuesday, Nov. 6
7:45 am–8:45 am HTS. 07: How to Write Effective Cardiopulmonary Science Grants
How to Use the NRCPR Database to Improve Your Hospital's Resuscitation Success
7:00 pm–10:00 pm Annual reception, dinner and business meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 7
7:45 am–8:45 am HTS. 06: How to Choose an Animal Model of Pulmonary Hypertension
Attend the Resuscitation Science Symposium (ReSS)

Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Fla.
Nov. 3 and 4, 2007

Plan to attend the Resuscitation Science Symposium 2007 immediately before Scientific Sessions. This conference is rapidly becoming the premier international meeting on resuscitation science, including topics of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency cardiovascular care and the biology of resuscitation from sepsis, trauma and cardiac arrest. The program committee, led by Dr. Lance Becker and Dr. Graham Nichol, has developed an exciting agenda of plenary lectures, abstract presentations and interactive debates among thought leaders in resuscitation care.

Highlights

Friday, Nov. 2
• ReSS Young Investigators Reception and Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 3
• Debate: Cardiocerebral Resuscitation: Ventilation Not Necessary in Cardiac Arrest?

Saturday, Nov. 3
• Novel Approaches to Field Resuscitation of Trauma

Sunday, Nov. 4
• Clinical Trials in Resuscitation — What’s Gone Wrong

Sunday, Nov. 4
• Sex and Death — The Effects of Gender

Cournand and Comroe Young Investigator Prize 2007

The following outstanding young scientists have been chosen as finalists for this prestigious award. Hear them present their work at Scientific Sessions on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3:45 pm. The first prize winner will receive a plaque and $1,000; the other finalists will each receive a plaque and $500.

• Ahmad Mansoor, MD, PhD
  New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY
  “Heme Oxygenase-1 Induction Modulates Hypoxic Pulmonary Vasconstriction”

• Susan M. Majka, PhD
  University of Colorado, Denver, CO
  “Abnormal Lung Stem Cell Differentiation: Causative Factors in Pulmonary Hypertension”

• Jayan Nagendran, MD
  University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada
  “Posphodiesterase-5 is Highly Expressed in the Hypertrophied Human Right Ventricle...”

• Jinjiang Pang, MD, PhD
  University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
  “GIT1 is Required for Pulmonary Vascular Development”

• Jon Rittenberger, MD
  University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
  “Increasing Duration of CPR Prior to First Defibrillation Does Not Improve ROSC in Prolonged VF”

Investigators in the fields of cardiopulmonary physiology, pulmonary vascular biology, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other CPCC-oriented topics should encourage their postdoctoral students, fellows and junior faculty to apply for the Cournand and Comroe Competition in 2008.
CVDY Visiting Professorship in Pediatric Cardiology

Program Description

The American Heart Association’s Council on Cardiovascular Disease in the Young (CVDY) is proud to announce the kickoff of the CVDY Visiting Professorship in Pediatric Cardiology. This sponsorship facilitates in-depth, educationally focused visits by prominent experts in the field of pediatric cardiology and cardiovascular medicine. The goal of this professorship is to encourage mentorship and academic development of pediatric cardiology fellows and faculty who are early in their academic careers at the host institution. Grants will be up to $2,000.

The first two grantees were announced at Scientific Sessions 2006. Dr. Tal Geva is scheduled to visit Rochester, N.Y., in September 2007. Dr. Paul Weinberg visited Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., on June 25 and 26, 2007, and delivered a wonderful two-day symposium on pediatric cardiac pathology. The symposium was extremely well received by fellows and faculty from the Washington–Baltimore region; his review of specimens was the highlight of the visit.

As most of us know, Dr. Weinberg is considered a world-renowned expert in the pathology of congenital heart disease. He is the director of cardiac registry at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, overseeing a museum collection of over 2,600 postmortem heart specimens catalogued and stored for ongoing study. He conducts several pathology conferences each week in Philadelphia. His former trainees proudly state that his teaching and mentorship was one of the highlights that they carry with them throughout their careers. His two-day visit included lectures and specimen review in these topics:

1. Segmental Approach to Diagnosis of Congenital Heart Disease
2. Ventricular Septal Defects
3. Conotruncal Anomalies: Dr. Weinberg
4. Rings, Slings and Other Vascular Things
5. Common Atrioventricular Canal
6. Heterotaxy Syndrome

Who Should Apply

Pediatric cardiology programs in the United States with or without pediatric cardiology fellowships are eligible to apply. General pediatric programs without divisions of pediatric cardiology are also welcome to apply. The chief of the pediatric cardiology division or pediatric department should serve as the “host” of the visiting professor and the visit. The divisions of pediatric cardiology that apply should be those divisions/departments that do not typically have the opportunity to bring in prominent experts in the field of pediatric cardiovascular medicine to their institution. The host may choose a visiting professor from the United States or abroad. The visiting professor should be a regionally, nationally or internationally noted figure.

1. Institutions that are represented by members of the CVDY Mentoring Committee are not eligible to apply for the visiting fellowships award.
2. A visiting professor should only receive one honorarium per year.
3. An institution may not have a visiting professor in two consecutive years.

Awards Given

There will be a total of up to three awards given to three different “host” institutions. There will be one visiting professor per institution. The award will be for $2,000; this will cover the visiting professor’s travel expenses and the honorarium of $1,000. The visiting professor will stay for two days. During that time, the visiting professor will be involved in some or all of the following activities: giving lectures, leading clinical discussions, participating in clinical patient rounds, giving grand rounds and/or attending cardiac conferences. The visiting professor will meet individually with fellows and young faculty members. The meeting between the fellows and junior faculty members with the visiting professor should be to provide encouragement towards academic careers. This is an essential component of the visit and one of the purposes of the visiting professorship grant.

How to Apply

Apply by sending the following to navida.virani@heart.org. Grant recipients are chosen by the CVDY Mentoring Committee. Each application is reviewed carefully by all members of the committee, and three applications are chosen for the award each year.

The application must include:

1. The host’s and the visiting professor’s curriculum vitae.
2. A letter signed by the proposed visiting professor affirming acceptance of the “invitation.”
3. Two-to-four-page statement (not more than 1,000 words) by the host institution addressing the following points:
   a. The specific needs, aims and goals of the division or department in having this visiting professor speak.
   b. How does this visiting professor advance the aims of the division/department?
   c. Proposed agenda of the two-day visit.
   d. Specify the people at the host institution who will be exposed to the visiting professor. Please include approximate number of fellows, junior faculty, senior level faculty, medical students and residents who will individually meet the visiting professor and others involved in the visit.

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**Selection Process**
1. Nationally competitive  
2. Spring and fall deadlines  
3. Awards announced at the Annual CVDY Dinner at AHA Scientific Sessions

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**From the Editor**  
Craig Sable, MD, csable@cnmc.org

The complete newsletter can be found on the Web version: http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?id=3004022. The Web version contains sections for Job Opportunities, People on the Move, and Conference Announcements in addition to other features. We are continually working to improve the Website, members services and the newsletter. If you have suggestions, postings for Job Opportunities, People on the Move, or Conference Announcements, or want to volunteer to help, please do not hesitate to contact me. We are also looking for suggestions (and authors) for feature articles and member spotlights.

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**Report From the Chair**  
Catherine L. Webb, MD, Chair

You will be reading this just before Scientific Sessions in Orlando in November. In addition to encouraging all of you to come to the meeting and attend the excellent abstract and poster sessions, I would like to highlight the many important presentations related to pediatric cardiology which the hardworking members of the Program Committee have organized this year. Check your final program for times and locations.

**Sunday, Nov. 4**
- Molecular Therapies for Congenital Heart Disease: Mending Broken Hearts in the Young  
- Timing of Elective Surgery for Congenital Heart Lesions Revisited  
- Optimizing Late Outcomes of Tetralogy of Fallot Repair

**Monday, Nov. 5**
- How Are They a Decade Later? Late Outcomes in Pediatric Heart Transplant Recipients  
- Update on Long-term Follow-up After Catheter Intervention: Are the Promises Being Kept?  
- How to Manage Tetralogy of Fallot with Pulmonary Ateiesia  
- How to Use ICDs in Children at Risk for Sudden Death

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**
- Management of the Child with Heart Failure  
- The Emerging Role of Aortic Wall Abnormalities in Congenital Heart Disease  
- How to Transition the Adult with Congenital Heart Disease  
- New Endocarditis Prophylaxis Guidelines  
- How to Improve Neuroprotection in the Neonate Undergoing Cardiovascular Surgery

I would also encourage all of you to think about speakers you would like to hear for the Nadas and Rashkind Lectures next year at Sessions 2008. The Program Committee is eager to arrange for lecturers that our membership believe are important and informative which enhances our knowledge in Pediatric Cardiology for the Nadas Lecture. Also, who can ensure our education in a broader context for the Rashkind Lecture. It is important that we hear from you so we know your preferences. Please contact the new Chair (as of December 1st) of the Program Committee, Dr. Seema Mital (seema.mital@sickkids.ca) with your ideas.

The CVDY Mentoring Committee has received a number of applications for the CVDY Visiting Professorships. By the time you read this, the selections will have been made and will be announced at Sessions. It is gratifying to see the great interest this new program has generated. More details on this exciting new program are included in this issue’s feature article. The AHA International Mentoring Committee has also been hard at work matching international attendees with a mentor from the United States at Sessions. If you are asked to participate in this program, please do so enthusiastically if you can.

Membership in CVDY is important and I would encourage you to continue your membership at the premium professional level, and would also encourage all members at this level to consider becoming Fellows of the American Heart Association (FAHA) (http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?id=3005387). The CVDY Leadership Committee votes to admit new FAHAs twice a year at the November and April meetings. I also encourage you to help in recruiting new members for CVDY.

CVDY has nominated a number of our members for AHA and CVDY awards at Sessions and we hope that CVDY will be prominently represented in the recipients again this year. Check your programs for the awards ceremonies and congratulate your friends and colleagues if they win any of these prestigious honors.

The CVDY continues to be an important AHA Council. We have many dedicated pediatric cardiologists who volunteer considerable time to make sure this Council meets the needs of our discipline and advocates for children with heart disease. Interest in working with the Council is burgeoning. A number of people have expressed a desire to work with us, but not all could be accommodated this year. Please be assured that we are aware of your interests and will do what we can to tap your expertise in the future, as needs arise. Please reiterate your interest to any member of the CVDY Leadership Committee (www.americanheart.org/cvdy) or the Nominating Committee (daniels.stephen@tchden.org; cwebb@childrensmemorial.org) again this year if you continue to want to be involved in the CVDY Council activities.
Report from the Chair
Susan J. Pressler, DNS, RN, FAAN, FAHA

I would like to begin my term as Chairperson of the Cardiovascular Nursing (CVN) Council by celebrating the commitment and accomplishments of the CVN Council members. First, we offer a heartfelt thank you to our Immediate Past Chairperson, Dr. Dorothy Lanuza, whose leadership and dedication were exemplary. We look forward to her continued involvement in our Council and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. Thank you, Dorothy.

A recent activity of our Leadership Committee was the revision of the Council’s strategic plan, which occurred at the committee’s spring meeting in Washington, D.C. The strategic plan was revised to reflect the evolving goals of the AHA and ASA with a focus on how cardiovascular nurses can assist in achieving these goals. The day after the meeting, several Council members took part in Lobby Day, visiting Congressional members to discuss legislation needed to obtain more NIH funding of health research.

The commitment of our Council members is strong, as evidenced by the three activities in particular. First, Council members are continuing to develop our international mentoring program with colleagues from outside of the United States. An international postdoctoral mentorship program, which is co-sponsored by our Council and the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) Council on CVN and Allied Health, is currently being piloted. We will also develop other methods for collaborating with international colleagues.

Second, we continue to focus on the mentoring and development of early career members. In addition to the many early career opportunities available through AHA and ASA, the Council’s Development Committee will try to obtain funds to offer travel stipends for early career members as they become experienced scientists and clinicians. Past recipients of the CVN Council’s prestigious Lembright Award are also developing strategies to help early investigators interact with stellar scientists. Drs. Laura Hayman, Karyn Holm and Barbara Riegel are leading these initiatives.

Finally, Council members continue to contribute to improving cardiovascular and stroke nursing and health care through their participation as committee members and conference speakers, and in writing groups for AHA/ASA-sponsored scientific publications. In the past year, 19 CVN Council members were writing group members for statements, advisories or guidelines, and five papers are chaired by CVN members. CVN members coauthored “Reducing Delay in Seeking Treatment by Patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome and Stroke: A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association Council on Cardiovascular Nursing and Stroke Council,” published in Circulation in 2006 and reprinted in the August 2007 edition of the Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing.

One of the year’s highlights for Council members is Scientific Sessions. We are looking forward to an exciting program at this year’s meeting in Orlando, Fla., with many topics of interest to our members. Please join us, and we welcome new members to the Council and to our host city reception. We also invite you to become involved in Council activities if you have not yet done so. In the coming months, I look forward to working with Council members and celebrating our commitment and accomplishments. See you in Orlando!
Pediatric Cardiovascular Nursing Subcommittee Report
Patricia O’Brien, RN, MSN

Research
A research networking lunch will be held again at Scientific Sessions. The multi-site nursing research project initiated by the committee several years ago, “Home surveillance and feeding strategies in infants with single ventricle,” is now in the data collection phase. Karen Uzark is principal investigator. This is the first multicenter nursing research project in the area of pediatric cardiovascular nursing. It involves 10 clinical sites with plans to enroll 120 infants. There are now more than 70 subjects enrolled, and more than 50 have completed data collection. Preliminary results are now being reviewed.

Program/New Projects
Two How-To sessions have been accepted for Scientific Sessions in November. A cardiovascular seminar is jointly sponsored with CVDY.
The committee is discussing potential new projects and a possible collaboration with the Society of Pediatric Cardiovascular Nurses. Program planning for Scientific Sessions 2009 is beginning.

Scientific Sessions 2007 CVN Highlights

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PRE, Pre-conference; SMP, Sunday Morning Program; HTS, How-to Session; ATE, Ask the Expert; APS, Abstract Poster Session; AOP, Abstract Oral Presentation; AOS, Combined Oral Abstract and Invited Session; CVS, Cardiovascular Seminar; DS, Daytime Seminar
Nurses... Experience Dedicate Programming Just for You at Scientific Session in Orlando.

The Pre-Sessions Symposium starts Saturday, Nov. 3.
The Conference Continues Sunday, Nov. 4–Wednesday, Nov. 7.

The Program design facilitates full engagement for Nurse Professionals. There will be ample opportunities for networking, meeting senior faculty and discussing research and the care of critically ill patients.

Advances in the Care of the Hospitalized Cardiac Patient
Saturday, Nov. 3, 1:30 p.m.–5:20 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center

Moderators:
Marjorie Funk, New Haven, Conn.
Anna Gawlinski, Los Angeles, Calif.

Cardiac Regeneration: Stem Cell Therapy for Heart Disease
William R. MacLellan, Los Angeles, Calif.

Devices in Heart Failure: What's New in Resynchronization Therapy, ICDs, and Remote Monitoring?
Sue Wingate, Silver Spring, Md.

Cardiac Assist Devices: Past, Present, and Future
Kathleen L. Grady, Chicago, Ill.

Glucose Regulation in the Acutely Ill Cardiac Patient

Family Presence During Cardiac Resuscitation
Cathie E. Guzzetta, Washington, D.C.

Intermission

Stroke: Rapid Recognition and Response
Karin Nystrom, New Haven, Conn.

Smoking Cessation and the Acutely Ill Cardiac Patient
Janie Heath, Augusta, Ga.

Managing Supraventricular Tachycardias Effectively
Carol Jacobson, Burien, Wash.

Promoting Sleep in the Hospitalized Cardiac Patient
Nancy Redeker, Newark, N.J.

Electronic ICUs
Frank Sites, Philadelphia, Pa.

Continued Nursing Programming at Scientific Sessions
Sunday, Nov. 4–Wednesday Nov. 7
Dear Council Members,

It gives me great pleasure to serve as Chair of the Council on Cardiovascular Radiology and Intervention (CVRI) of the AHA.

In this first issue as Council Chair, I would like to present some of our goals for the next two years. We shall continue our efforts to increase both our Council membership and the number of Fellows in the Council. We shall also strive to provide a strong radiology voice in the AHA. We will continue to participate in the sponsorship of research and manuscripts, and other AHA activities to enhance the mission of the AHA. I look forward to your active participation in the Council and welcome your ideas.

I would like to give special thanks to Dr. Woodard and the members of the CVRI Program Committee for all of their efforts. Once again, they have prepared an outstanding program for the upcoming Scientific Sessions. I would also like to thank the Immediate Past Chair, Dr. Randall Higashida, for his dedicated service over the past two years as Council Chair. I look forward to an active year of participation, dialogue, and action.

Sincerely,
Antoinette S. Gomes, MD, FAHA, Chair

Melvin Judkins Young Investigator Award
Sunday, Nov. 4
OCCC W311abcd
3:45 pm

Charles T. Dotter Memorial Lecture
Thomas Sos,
New York, NY
Monday, Nov. 5
OCCC W311abcd
Noon

Cardiovascular Radiology and Intervention Reception
Tuesday, Nov. 6
7:00 pm
Rosen Centre Hotel, $35
We think the world of your specialty

Experience the latest in cardiac, vascular and thoracic interventions demonstrated through a variety of invited programs and more than 4,000 abstracts of original research.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to network and collaborate with your peers in an exciting educational and professional environment.

Key Science Presentations

Ask the Experts
- What is the Future of Cardiothoracic Surgery?

Cardiovascular Seminar
- New Techniques of Mitral Valve Repair
- Current Surgical Therapy for Atrial Fibrillation
- Endovascular Therapy for Aortic Disease
- Pathophysiology of Cardiovascular Surgery
- Heparin-Induced Thrombocytopenia: A Prothrombotic Disease
- Update on Heart Transplantation and Mechanical Assist

How-To Session
- How to Do a Valve-Sparing Aortic Root Replacement
- How to Treat Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation

Sunday Morning Program
- Update in Cardiovascular Surgery

Special Session
- Percutaneous and Surgical Approaches to Valvular Disease

Plenary Session
- Percutaneous and Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease

Special Reminders

Vivien Thomas Young Investigator Award Competition
Sunday, Nov. 4, 3:45pm

William W. L. Glenn Lecture
Dr. Eric A. Rose
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 11:30 am

Council on Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia Annual Reception and Dinner
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 7:00 pm
Rosen Centre Hotel
**Sunday, Nov. 4**

- 7:30 am  Sunday Morning Program 20: Interventional Cardiology: Bench to Bedside and Beyond
- 9:00 am  Sunday Morning Program 18: Clinical Controversies
- 9:00 am  Sunday Morning Program 17: Advances in Immunosuppression After Cardiac Transplantation
- 9:00 am  Sunday Morning Program 29: Joint AHA/HRS Session: Clinical Practice 2007 — Catheter Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation. State of the Art from 5 Different Laboratories
- 9:00 am  Plenary Session 06: Joint AHA/ESC Session: Reversing Heart Failure
- 3:45 pm  Samuel A. Levine Young Clinical Investigator Award, OCCC W307cd
- 5:15 pm  Laennec Young Clinician Award, OCCC W307ab

**Monday, Nov. 5**

- 9:00 am  Special Session 02: Clinical Practice 2007: Severe Ischemic Cardiomyopathy: What Can I Do?
- 3:45 pm  Special Session 05: Atrial Fibrillation: Where We Are, Where We Are Going

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**

- 9:00 am  Special Session 06: Clinical Practice 2007: Echocardiography 2007
- 2:00 pm  Plenary Session 08: Economics in Cardiovascular Medicine
- 2:00 pm  ClinCard Laennec Clinician/Educator Lecture, Rick Nishimura, Mayo Clinic, OCC, W340
- 3:45 pm  Special Session 09: AHA/Asia Pacific Society of Cardiology Joint Session: Sudden Cardiac Death — East vs West
- 7:00 pm  Clinical Cardiology Dinner, Rosen Centre Hotel, $60
- 7:00 pm  James B. Herrick Award and Lecture, David Holmes, Jr, Mayo Clinic, Rosen Centre Hotel, Ballroom F

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**

- 9:00 am  Special Session 10: Clinical Practice 2007: Clinical Implementation of CT Coronary Angiography
- 9:00 am  Plenary Session 10: Late Stent Thrombosis: Mechanisms, Modulators, and Clinical Implications
- 2:00 pm  Plenary Session 12: Acute Coronary Syndromes: Current Challenges and New Directions in Antithrombotic Therapy
- 3:45 pm  Plenary Session 13: Screening the Asymptomatic Patient for Atherosclerosis Using Noninvasive Imaging
Interventional Cardiologists Discover the Inside Track...

Interventional Fellows and Cardiologists Symposium
Saturday, Nov. 3
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, Florida
Time: 1:30 pm–5:20 pm

Don’t miss the dedicated track on interventional cardiology and world-renowned speakers at Scientific Sessions, beginning with the Interventional Fellows and Cardiologists Pre-Sessions Symposium on Saturday, Nov. 3, and continuing with tailored programming throughout the conference.

• Clinical Conundrums in PCI
• Controversies in DES Era
• Interventional Cardiology Potpourri

Sunday Morning, Nov. 4
Interventional Cardiology: Bench to Bedside and Beyond

• Bench to Bedside: Thrombosis
• Clinical Update — Percutaneous Valves
• The DES for Off-Label Indications Controversy
• STEM I
• The Interventional Year in Review — 2007
• The PFO Controversy

Sunday, Nov. 4–Wednesday, Nov. 7
Featured Plenary and Special Sessions

• Acute Coronary Syndromes: Current Challenges and New Directions in Antithrombotic Therapy
• Late-Breaking Clinical Trials Sessions I–IV
• Percutaneous and Surgical Approaches to Valvular Disease
• Percutaneous and Surgical Treatment of Coronary Artery Disease

How-To Sessions, Cardiovascular Seminars, Daytime Seminars and Ask the Experts

• AHA/ESC Joint Sessions: Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease — Stents vs CABG
• Antithrombotic Therapy in the Cath Lab
• Carotid Artery Stenting
• Clinical Conundrums in PCI
• Controversies in Endovascular Therapy
• Controversies in PCI
• Endovascular Intervention: What’s Hot and What’s Not
• Endovascular Therapy for Aortic Disease
• How to Develop a Regional STEMI Program
• How to Prevent Bleeding Complications After PCI
• How to Start a Structural Heart Disease Program
• Imaging of the Unstable Plaque
• Issues and Options for Coronary Revascularization
• Joint AHA/Japanese Cardiology Society Symposium: PCI in United States and Japan
• Late Stent Thrombosis: Mechanisms, Modulators and Clinical Implications
• Mechanical PCI Complications: Prevention, Management and Case Review
• Multivessel Coronary Artery Disease: Stents versus CABG?
• Non-Angiographic Assessment of Coronary Lesions
• PCI in High-Risk Lesions
• PCI in High-Risk Patients
• Peripheral Artery Disease
• Renal Artery Stenosis: An Evidence-Based Approach
• What’s New in Peripheral Vascular Intervention I and II
Message from the Chair
Cora E. Lewis, MD, MSPH, FAHA, FACP

In my last message to you, I wrote about the shortfall in the budget of the National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Vital Statistics, jeopardizing the availability of mortality data for calendar year 2008. Because of intense interest in this issue on the part of our membership, the Council leadership urged AHA’s national leadership and advocacy staff to place this issue high on their priority list. I also asked in my last newsletter article that you become involved on a personal level with AHA’s advocacy efforts. Thanks to all our efforts, we have achieved success on the Hill.

According to Sue Nelson, AHA Vice President of Federal Advocacy, in late June both the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate Subcommittee on Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations approved a draft FY 2008 spending bill. Within CDC’s budget, the National Center for Health Statistics would receive $117 million, an $8 million increase over FY 2007. In the Senate committee’s report language, the Committee encourages NCHS to continue making data accessible to the public as soon as possible” and notes that it has provided enough funding to continue uninterrupted collection of vital statistics in FY 2008. On July 15, the House Appropriations Committee approved its draft FY 2008 spending bill and NCHS came out winners on multiple fronts. Within CDC’s budget, the House committee provides $120 million for NCHS; an $11 million increase over FY 2007, and $3 million more than our “ask.” In the House Committee Report, much of our proposed language is included. This is a huge accomplishment, but the bills have not yet been signed by the President. We may need further efforts on this front, and if you are a member of the You’re the Cure Network we will be able to alert you if needed.

On another note, the call for abstracts and preliminary program has just become available for the 48th CVD Epidemiology and Prevention Annual Conference and the Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism Conference on March 11-15, 2008, in Colorado Springs. The preliminary program lists the awards sponsored by our council at the spring meeting, including the Stamler, Daugherty, and Williams Awards, the Trudy Bush Fellowships and various travel grants that are available. Please check that information; we encourage you to apply or to recommend that a colleague, student, and/or mentee submit an application.

Speaking of the above-named giants in our field, I hope that you will check out the Sandra A. Daugherty Foundation Website at www.daughertyfoundation.org. The Foundation is committed to fostering the development of junior faculty interested in clinical and translational science research careers involving community-based participatory research related to CVD prevention and epidemiology.

2007-08 Leadership Committee

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From the Chair
Towards A More Inclusive Council
L. Gabriel Navar, PhD
Chair, Council for High Blood Pressure Research

The middle of the summer is supposed to be for vacations, days off and taking life at a slower pace. Not this summer! Your Council officers and program committee members have been busier than ever getting ready for many exciting activities of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research. By the time you read this, we will have completed the Hypertension Summer School, which was a terrific success. This meeting, co-sponsored by the Kidney Council, was held at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, July 28–Aug. 1, 2007. We had about 75 students from the United States and other countries and more than 20 faculty participants, with outstanding faculty presentations and small group conferences. Our special thanks go to Program Committee Chair Stephanie Watts, Co-Chair Don DiPette and the rest of the committee. We are grateful to Susan Kunish, Yvette Ballantyne and Marcia Baker for their administrative expertise that made everything run smoothly. We also greatly appreciate the financial support provided by several companies and organizations.

In a previous letter, I mentioned that some Council members are concerned that we are not sufficiently inclusive in our activities and that committee assignments are often distributed to the same people year in and year out. I completely agree that we should do everything we can to be more inclusive and distribute the many Council responsibilities among our entire membership. However, we need your help to achieve this goal. We need you to tell the Council leadership how you feel about the Council and how you think we can be more inclusive. We need you to volunteer to participate in Council activities. To this end, I am preparing to send out a brief survey this fall that will ask you how your Council leadership can better serve you. We want to know what aspects of Council activities you feel are of greatest benefit and how you wish to increase your participation and visibility in the Council. When you receive the survey, please make a special effort to fill it out and return it. However, I welcome your comments at any time and greatly appreciate any suggestions you may have. Please feel free to send me an e-mail with your ideas at navar@tulane.edu.

In closing, I hope that you had a pleasant and productive summer.

Annual Fall Conference
R. Clinton Webb, PhD
Chair, Annual Fall Conference Programming Committee

This year’s annual fall conference sponsored by the Council for High Blood Pressure Research and the Council on the Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease was our most successful so far. The meeting was very well attended with over 399 oral and poster presentations of new data. The first oral session was on Thursday, Sept. 27. We had a terrific workshop on “Novel Aspects of the Renin Angiotensin System,” organized by Jan Danser and his committee. The conference also featured three state-of-the-art lectures: Dr. Jay D. Humphrey discussed arterial growth and remodeling in hypertension (Sept. 27), Dr. Ananth Karumanchi discussed angiogenesis and preeclampsia (Sept. 29), and Dr. James R. Sowers addressed vascular signaling mechanisms in hypertension, diabetes and obesity (Sept. 29). The Novartis Lecture, which is the most prestigious award in hypertension research, was presented by Fred Luft. The Corcoran Memorial Lecture was given by Dr. Curt D. Sigmund (Sept. 27); he discussed the regulation of genes involved in blood pressure regulation. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Ernesto L. Schiffrin on Sept. 27, and Dr. Debra Diz gave the Dahl Lecture on angiotensin II and neural mechanisms contributing to blood pressure regulation on Sept. 28. This was the second year of the new Goldblatt Award Competition, with the following three finalists: Christine Maric, PhD, Georgetown University; Sean Stocker, PhD, University of Kentucky; Rao Fangwen, MD, University of California, San Diego.
CHBPR teams up with NHLBI to increase Physician awareness of CORAL and CLEVER

NOW ENROLLING, CORAL (Cardiovascular Outcomes in Renal Atherosclerotic Lesions) is an NIH-funded, prospective, multi-center, two-arm, randomized trial to determine whether stenting adds value to optimal medical therapy in individuals with:

1) History of hypertension on two or more antihypertensive medications and/or Stage 3 or greater chronic kidney disease (eGFR<60cc/min); and 2) One or more renal artery stenosis >60% and <100%. The primary endpoint is a composite of renal and cardiac death, MI, stroke, hospitalization for CHF, doubling of creatinine and need for renal replacement therapy. Patients will be followed for 2–5 years.

For more information on becoming a new CORAL clinical site or referring patients to CORAL, please contact Holly Burch, R.N. at the Clinical Coordinating Center, University of Toledo: Phone (419) 383-6289 or e-mail holly.burch@utoledo.edu.

The best care strategy for individuals with aortoiliac peripheral arterial disease (PAD) and claudication is not known. The “Claudication: Exercise Versus Endoluminal Revascularization, or “CLEVER” study is a multicenter, four-arm, randomized, clinical investigation that will define the relative efficacy, risk, and cost effectiveness of use of claudication medications alone vs. supervised exercise rehabilitation, vs. primary stent placement, vs. supervised exercise plus stenting. Major clinical endpoints, including walking performance, will be measured at both 6 & 18 months. This major NHLBI-sponsored trial seeks patients with aortoiliac PAD and claudication. For more information, please contact Dr. Joselyn Cerezo at the Clinical Coordinating Center at (401) 444-1739 (jcerezo@lifespan.org), or see www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct/show/NCT00132743?order=1).

Hypertension Summer School 2007

Stephanie Watts, PhD
CHBPR Summer School Program Chair

Sponsored by the Council on High Blood Pressure Research and CV Therapeutics

The 6th Hypertension Summer School was held on the campus of Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., from July 28–Aug. 1. This intensive three-and-a-half-day summer school was held to provide trainees — clinical and basic in nature — with the most current information and initiate discussions on needed directions for hypertension research. A real goal was to encourage student participation at every level, and interaction with faculty. Seventy-five trainees from eight different countries and 16 different institutions of the United States attended, and they were accompanied by 25 faculty members, many of whom are Fellows of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research. This year’s students were simply the best: inquisitive, not afraid to argue, and enthusiastic. Three events in particular highlight these characteristics: all participants compared measurements of their own blood pressure using different techniques, there was a newly introduced troubleshooting workshop on clinical and basic research problems, and there was a competition in which students developed and marketed a drug to treat type II diabetes and renal complications. The weather was beautiful and the company superb. The committee for the summer school would like to thank all of the faculty but in particular the students for making this 6th summer school such a success.

LOOK FOR SUMMER SCHOOL TO HAPPEN AGAIN IN 2009!!!

Annual Fall Conference and Scientific Sessions Workshop

‘New Developments in the Renin-angiotensin System: The (pro)renin Receptor, Renin Inhibition and ACE2’

A. Jan Danser • Workshop Organizer

This one-day workshop highlighted new components of and tools to study the renin-angiotensin system (RAS): the (pro)renin receptor, ACE2, and a new class of RAS blockers, the renin inhibitors. Aliskiren, a renin inhibitor, has just obtained FDA approval. The workshop consisted of three plenary sessions, with speakers from the Americas, Europe and Asia. The afternoon comprised three parallel breakout sessions, critically addressing the importance of prorenin, renin inhibitors and ACE2 under the guidance of a discussion leader. During these breakout sessions, a limited number of abstract submitters from the main meeting presented their hot new data to stimulate discussion. The program culminated with a special presentation, entitled “From Prorenin to Renin Inhibition.” The workshop was held Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. During the evening poster session of the main meeting, posters related to the workshop topics was presented.
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Hypertension

Hypertension is one of five American Heart Association journals accessible online. It represents the Council for High Blood Pressure Research and the Council on the Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease, and is in cooperation with the Inter-American Society of Hypertension. [Website Link]

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Sunday, Nov. 4

Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease Highlights

5:15 pm Cardiovascular Seminar 34: Chronic Kidney Disease as a Cardiovascular Risk: Implications for Screening and Treatment

Monday, Nov. 5

7:45 am How-To Sessions: How to Treat Coronary Disease in Patients with CKD
9:00 am Donald Selden Lecture: Richard Johnson, Hamilton General Hospital, OCCC W308cd
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Since our last newsletter, our leadership team has been busy with several activities. Membership initiatives, headed by Alice Lichtenstein and aimed to increase and broaden our membership, include a focus on young investigators and international members. These efforts include the development of a brochure that we hope to distribute widely in the near future. And thanks to the efforts of Bob Chilton, our Web site has been improved and expanded and is available for current and prospective members.

The Nutrition Committee, headed by Larry Appel, continues its high-profile activities; efforts include preparation of scientific statements on sugars and the risk of cardiovascular disease and on nutritional approaches for managing dyslipidemia. The Physical Activity Committee has a new Chair, William Kraus; their activities center on increasing physical activity training in U.S. medical schools and increasing the feasibility of physical activity assessments in practice settings. The committee awarded two scholarships to Ruth E. Taylor-Piliae and Daheia J. Barr-Anderson for the AHA Scholarship for USC Physical Activity and Public Health (PAPH) courses. The Obesity Committee also has a new Chair, Paul Poirier. He is the first international member (Canadian) to chair a Council committee, and his committee has an international membership of about 33 percent. This group is working on a scientific advisory that addresses the evaluation of pre- and post-op management of morbidly obese patients.

Early this year, the Diabetes Committee (now headed by Ted Mazzone) published a joint advisory with the American Diabetes Association on the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease in patients with diabetes. They also will soon publish a paper on hyperglycemia and CVD with a focus on acute coronary syndrome. The Clinical Affairs Committee, headed by Penny Kris-Etherton, is in the advanced stages of developing tool concepts aimed to facilitate the incorporation of lifestyle counseling into busy clinical practice settings.

Finally, Gloria Vega has agreed to serve as our representative to the International Mentoring Council, and Neil Stone has assumed the chairmanship of the Clinical Lipidology Committee, a group shared by the NPAM and ATPB Councils. This group plays an active role in developing educational programs and materials to enhance the efficacy of lipid management throughout various medical specialties.

I look forward to seeing all of you in November at Scientific Sessions. This year for the first time we will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from noon–1:30 p.m., where we will be able to convene as a Council and where young members will be able to meet with experts in their areas of interest. Please check your program booklet carefully for the many interesting sessions that NPAM has planned.

The upcoming Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism Conference 2008, on March 11-13, 2008, will be outstanding. Please mark your calendars to attend. We have a wonderful meeting planned from basic science to clinical practice. Two very special "first" events are planned for this meeting; the Mark Bieber Award and the Stephen Kritchevsky Lecture. Also, there will be luncheon meetings with Meet the Expert that will be limited, so register early. We look forward to seeing you in Colorado!
Scientific Sessions 2007 NPAM Highlights
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Sunday, Nov. 4
9:00 am Navigating the Calorie-Toxic Environment, Sunday Morning Program 22
9:00 am Hyperglycemia, Diabetes, and Atherosclerosis, Sunday Morning Program 22
3:45 pm Sodium, Potassium, and Cardiovascular Disease, Daytime Seminar 06
5:15 pm PPARs and Heart Disease, Cardiovascular Seminar 89
5:15 pm Waist Circumference: Measurement and Interpretation, Cardiovascular Seminar 48
5:15 pm Community Physical Activity Promotion, Cardiovascular Seminar 43
5:15 pm Subclinical Atherosclerosis in Youth, Cardiovascular Seminar 47

Monday, Nov. 5
7:45 am Morbid Obesity: Perioperative Management, How-To Session 48
7:45 am How to Understand Statin Myopathy, How-To Session 50
5:15 pm Worksite Environmental Interventions for Obesity Control, Cardiovascular Seminar 91

Tuesday, Nov. 6
7:45 am How to Use Exercise Training and Exercise Testing in Rodents to Study the Cardiovascular System, How-To Session 47
7:45 am Physical Activity Assessment in the Clinic and for Research, How-To Session 49
5:15 pm Programs and Strategies for Tackling the Childhood Obesity Epidemic, Cardiovascular Seminar 90
5:15 pm Dietary Effects on Blood Coagulation and Hemostasis, Cardiovascular Seminar 44
5:15 pm Exercise and Vascular Function, Cardiovascular Seminar 45

Wednesday, Nov. 7
7:45 am Obesity and Heart Disease Management, Ask the Experts
2:00 pm Obesity, Insulin Resistance, and Cardiovascular Disease, Special Session 12

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The International Stroke Conference and the AHA’s Alfred E. Mann Foundation  
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Thanks to generous support from Merck Pharmaceuticals, this year 23 women will receive the Women in Cardiology Trainee Award for Excellence. This program has a long record of providing female cardiology fellows an opportunity to attend Scientific Sessions. The 2007 recipients represent training programs from across the country, including both adult and pediatric fellowships. This year in Orlando, several awardees will present their novel research projects and all will attend specialized speaker training. Past award recipients comment on the value of meeting other women in training and sharing common challenges and aspirations. Friendships formed through this program are fostered in future years as participants meet again at professional meetings and become involved in AHA leadership. Award recipients also attend the Clinical Cardiology Women in Cardiology dinner. In this intimate setting, Fellows converse with female cardiologists and learn about the variety of careers available to women who do it all by balancing their professional goals and personal lifestyles.

At the Scientific Sessions in November, join the Women in Cardiology Committee for their yearly luncheon to be held on Tuesday, November 6th, at noon in the Rosen Centre Hotel, Grand Ballroom A. This year, the Networking Luncheon will feature Morton Amsdorf, MD, the 2006 winner of the Women in Cardiology Mentoring Award. The 2007 winner will be announced at the Council on Clinical Cardiology Dinner Reception also on Tuesday, November 6th.

Yamini Levitzky, MD
Jennifer Peura, MD

Recipients of the Women in Cardiology Trainee Award for Excellence

Ash-Bernal, Rachel, Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Bazari, Rasha, MD, Henry Ford Health System, Detroit
Bhatt, Ami, MD, Brigham & Women’s Hospital
Han, Yuchi, MD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Hays, Katherine, MD, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
Joynen, Sarah, MD, MPH, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond
Kim, Soo Hyun (Esther), MD, MPH
Kwon, Susan, MD, Columbia University, New York
Matulevicius, Susan, MD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Meadows, Judith, MD, Brigham & Women’s Hospital
Mega, Jessica, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital
Miyake, Christina, MD, MS, Children’s Hospital, Boston
Samad, Zainab, MD, Duke University, Durham
Tandon, Suman, MD, Boston University, Boston
Woo, Joan, MD, University of Washington, Seattle
Yellen, Elizabeth, MD
Chan, Elizabeth, MD, University of Washington, Seattle
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Miller, Amy, MD, PhD, Brigham & Women’s Hospital
Satpathy, Ruby, MD
Szerlip, Molly, MD, Medical College of Georgia
Witt, Brandi, MD, Mayo Clinic, Rochester
Pinell-Salles, Paula, MD, University of Maryland, Baltimore
reported a greater tendency to use their medications as prescribed by their doctor, the researchers said.

“It’s beneficial for patients to be educated in this way,” Piña said. “When patients understand the different treatment options available to them, they can become more active participants in their healthcare decision making by asking appropriate questions and understanding what their doctor is telling them.”

“Physicians are increasingly expected to provide education for patients with chronic cardiovascular diseases. Heart Profilers can serve as a powerful adjunct for physicians to recommend to their patients as well,” Piña said.

More than 260,000 people have used the Heart Profilers tool since it launched in 2002, reflecting a growing trend of Americans turning to the Internet for healthcare research and advice. In fact, according to a recent survey conducted by Medical Broadcasting Company and Nielsen/NetRatings, two out of three Americans turn to the Internet before their doctor visits to research their condition and prepare questions. After their visits, these patients typically do more Internet research to validate what their doctor told them and find answers to questions they didn’t ask.

The Heart Profilers tool can be accessed at www.americanheart.org/heartprofilers.

RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR 2008
(Application deadlines are in January 2008)

The American Heart Association funds research broadly related to cardiovascular disease and stroke. We support research in clinical and basic sciences, bioengineering, biotechnology and public health. The National Research Program encourages applications related to obesity, women and heart disease, and resuscitation.

The National Research Program and several affiliates are offering a new Clinical Research Program this fall. In addition, the American Heart Association is offering a new AHA-Pharmaceutical Roundtable Outcomes Research Center award.

Other program offerings are:

• **Predoctoral Fellowship** — To help students initiate careers in cardiovascular and stroke research by providing research assistance and training.

• **Postdoctoral Fellowship** — To help a trainee initiate a career in cardiovascular or stroke research while obtaining significant research results.

• **Fellow-to-Faculty Transition Award** — To provide funding for beginning physician-scientists with outstanding potential for careers in cardiovascular and stroke research. This supports the crucial period of career development that spans the completion of research training through the early years of the first faculty/staff position.

• **Scientist Development Grant** — To support highly promising beginning scientists in their progress toward independence by encouraging and adequately funding research projects that can bridge the gap between completion of research training and readiness for successful competition as an independent investigator.

• **Beginning Grant-in-Aid** — To promote the independent status of promising beginning scientists.

• **Grant-in-Aid** — To encourage and adequately fund the most innovative and meritorious research projects from independent investigators.

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