Dear Fellows, Residents, and Trainees,

On behalf of the Fellows Research Day Task Force, we are pleased to announce that the 26th annual Fellows Research Day will take place on January 12th, 2018. This event, sponsored by Great Rivers Affiliate of the American Heart Association and three of the area’s training institutions (University of Pittsburgh/UPMC Heart & Vascular Institute, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, and Allegheny Health Network), is one of the most successful regional meetings dedicated to showcasing cardiovascular and stroke research conducted by young physicians and scientists in training. The venue this year will be at the University Club on campus at the University of Pittsburgh. Trainees from all institutions, including undergraduates, medical students, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, residents, and clinical fellows, are invited to submit their best cardiovascular or stroke-related research. We are also excited to welcome Dr. Calum MacRae, Chief of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital and winner of the $75M AHA One Brave Idea Award, as this year’s keynote speaker.

Over the past 25 years, the Fellows Research Day meeting has become an important part of the fabric of cardiovascular and stroke research in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Eastern Ohio. This event brings together trainees and mentors from throughout the region, showcasing the spectacular work in which our training programs are engaged. Trainees and their mentors are invited to participate in this event free of charge, with cash prizes awarded to trainees for the top basic and clinical science abstracts as judged by members of the task force. All winning trainees are also given complimentary tickets to the Pittsburgh Heart Ball! This event provides trainees with outstanding exposure for their research as well as networking opportunities with clinical and research leaders from across the region. Past awardees include from the Allegheny Health Network, UPMC, and Children’s Hospital, as well as Carnegie Mellon and West Virginia University, some of whom have gone on to direct training programs themselves.

Fellows Research Day Task Force is comprised of established researchers in the Pittsburgh area, as well as key local members of industry, and American Heart Association volunteers dedicated to the research mission of the organization. This event is generously supported by the Great Rivers Affiliate of the American Heart Association, University of Pittsburgh/UPMC Heart & Vascular Institute, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, Allegheny Health Network, and many companies at the forefront of cardiovascular and stroke treatment.

Please mark your calendars and consider participating in the FRD 2018. More information is available at the website: www.heart.org/fellowsresearchday.

Abstract submission will open via the website on October 30, 2017 and abstracts will be considered in the order they are received. Registration is free, but it fills up fast, so please sign up early. We hope to see you on January 12, 2018!

Best Wishes,

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