

Message From the Chair

# CVDY Members Going Global

I am writing this report as I return home from a wonderful two-week trip to Africa. I spent the first 10 days leading a cardiac surgical/catheterization mission to Uganda. This was my 14th trip to Uganda and 25th to Africa. Nearly 400 children have been treated, and many local medical personnel have been trained to provide care for the thousands of children with congenital and rheumatic heart disease who are in need of care. We are also using telemedicine as the foundation of a collaboration with the cardiovascular surgery team in Marrakech, Morocco.



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I had the privilege of attending the 2013 World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology in Cape Town, South Africa, and sharing clinical, educational and research ideas with my colleagues from around the globe. I would like to congratulate the program committee for a wonderful collection of sessions on a wide range of topics in pediatric and congenital cardiology. I especially want to recognize members of CVDY leadership and committees who had prominent roles in Cape Town: Kathy Jenkins, MD, MPH, FAHA; Kathryn Taubert, PhD, FAHA; Brad Marino, MD, MPP, MSCE, FAHA; Stephen Daniels, MD, PhD, FAHA; Sara Pasquali, MD, MHS; Daphne Hsu, MD, FAHA; Justin Zachariah, MD, MPH; Ariane Marelli, MD, MPH; Anne Marie Valente, MD; Elfriede Pahl, MD; Brian McCrindle, MD, MPH, FAHA; Michael Ackerman, MD, PhD; and me. Topics that CVDY leadership presented included:

- Improving Access To Cardiac Surgery in the Developing World — Flying in, Then Building Up
- Improving Access to Cardiac Surgery in the Developing World — Teaching Surgeons Using Mhealth, Eplatforms and webinars
- Quality of Life: Survival Guaranteed But How Are They Going
- Adults With Congenital Heart Disease, and

the Prevention of Acquired Heart Disease Starting in Childhood — Treatment of the Overweight Young Person: What Works?

- Setting Millennium Development Goals for Children with Cardiovascular Disease With the World Heart Federation — What Are the Achievable Goals in Heart Health for Children?
- Echo Screening for Rheumatic Heart Disease
- Prevention and Control of Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease

An AHA representative is a part of the efforts to bring the 2012 World Congress to the United States.

Many CVDY members are actively involved in planning the pediatric and adult congenital sessions at the 2014 World Congress of Cardiology May 4-7 in Melbourne, Australia. We encourage CVDY members to attend and to submit abstracts.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the impact of pediatric cardiovascular research in 2012. Three of the top 10 advances in cardiovascular research were in pediatrics. In keeping

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with the “going global” theme, each of these topics included work done both within and outside the United States, covering four continents. The work of many of our Council members contributed to this amazing accomplishment. The three CVDY-related topics were:

- Progress for children in transplant bridging and Kawasaki Disease (Studies from the U.S. and Japan)
- Why children and adolescents should “just say no” to sugary drinks (Studies from the U.S. and the Netherlands)
- Global impact: ECHO screening for rheumatic heart disease (Study done in collaboration between Washington, DC, and Uganda) ■

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