Update of BCVS Activities

I’m pleased to give you an update on Council activities since I took over as Chair last July. We had an extremely successful Scientific Sessions 2014 in Chicago, where BCVS had a major presence, including lectureships, the conferring of awards, induction of new fellows and the annual BCVS dinner.

We had outstanding lecturers deliver the George E. Brown Memorial Lecture and the Thomas W. Smith Memorial Lecture. The BCVS Dinner was well attended and provided a venue to award the BCVS Council Awards, induct our new fellows and award the prestigious young investigator awards. Our Council continues to be actively focused on international liaison and interactions with other Councils.

I’m sad to report to you the loss of a member of our community. Kenneth Bloch, MD, passed away this year. He was an amazing person and extremely committed to the AHA. Our Council continues to be actively focused on international liaison and interactions with other Councils.

The BCVS Council sponsors two named lectures at Scientific Sessions.

The George E. Brown Memorial Lecture was established in 1935 and has been awarded to a deserving investigator ever since. At Scientific Sessions 2014, the recipient was Junichi “Jay” Zhang, MD, PhD, professor of medicine and biomedical engineering at the University of Minnesota. His lecture was titled, “Patch the Heart: Myocardial Metabolism, Perfusion and Functional Recovery.”

The Thomas W. Smith Memorial Lecture was established in 1997 to honor Dr. Smith, a pioneer in the application of biochemical, cellular and molecular approaches to investigate cardiac contractility. Junichi Sadoshima, MD, PhD, professor and chair of the Department of Cell Biology and Molecular Medicine at Rutgers presented this year’s lecture titled, “Regulation of Myocardial Growth and Tractility. Junichi Sadoshima, MD, PhD, delivered the George E. Brown Memorial Lecture.

BCVS Recognizes Outstanding Science

The BCVS Council nominated two candidates for the Scientist Award.

BCVS Distinguished Achievement Award

The BCVS Council is pleased to announce the 2014 AHA Distinguished Scientist Award. For more information on the opportunities that are available for those in the early stages of their careers.

A highlight of the conference every year is the Louis N. and Arnold M. Katz Basic Research Prize and the Melvin L. Marcus Young Investigator Award competitions. In Chicago, finalists for each award presented their work on Nov. 16. All of the presentations were truly outstanding, and each of the finalists for both the Katz and Marcus awards should be congratulated for this achievement. However, special congratulations are in order for Jennifer Davis, PhD, from Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and Dennis M. Abraham, MD, from Duke University for winning the Katz and Marcus awards, respectively.

New Council Fellows

Haijun Chen, MS, PhD, Albany, New York
Ye Chen-Izu, MS, PhD, Davis, California
Grant R. Drummond, PhD, Clayton, Australia
Parushali Eshkibakar, MD, PhD, Galveston, Texas
Anthony L. Estrella, MD, Houston
Polina Golchberg, BSC, PhD, Boston
Tomoko Ichiki, MD, PhD, Rochester, Minnesota
Peter Kohl, BSC, MD, PhD, Harefield, U.K
Prasanna Krishnamurthy, DVM, MSc, PhD, Atlanta
Ivan M. Offert, RRT, PhD, Morgantown, West Virginia
Jonathan A. Silber, MD, Durham, North Carolina
Xue-Long Sun, MS, PhD, Cleveland
Gautam Thiene, MD, Padova, Italy

CALL FOR FAHA APPLICATIONS

The BCVS Council considers applications for FAHA Fellowship during the spring and fall of each year. The deadline for the spring cycle is April 15. Visit my.americanheart.org/fellowship to access the full criteria and instructions on how to apply.

BCVS Distinguished Achievement Award

Josh Hare, MD (far left) and Marcello Rota, MD, far right pose with the Marcus Award finalists at the BCVS Council Dinner. From the left, Shoji Matsushima, MD, PhD, Dennis Abraham, MD (winner), Svatlana Rolli, Nermala Hanthan, PhD and Haozhi Wu, PhD.

Early Career Corner

Nearly 500 young investigators attended BCVS SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS 2015. This year’s meeting will be held July 13-16 in New Orleans. Don’t miss out on attending BCVS Scientific Sessions 2015. This year’s meeting will be held July 13-16 in New Orleans.

The deadline for abstract submission is fast approaching. Please visit my.americanheart.org/bcvssessions before March 16 and submit your best science.

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