Message From the Editor
always return from Scientific Sessions with a great deal of excitement, as scientific interchange and networking with colleagues from around the globe is invigorating. This year was particularly exciting, as significant changes to the structure of Scientific Sessions allowed for more time for attendees to visit the poster hall. I was thrilled to see that attendance of the poster sessions dramatically increased. In fact, the poster hall was even congested at times, as many of the poster presenters are early-career investigators presenting their work for the first time.

This year, the AHA sponsored several initiatives to promote networking and engagement of AHA members of all stages, including the launch of the Early Career Voice (an online blog), an Early Career Lounge, an AHA Member Lounge and a FAHA Lounge.

The AHA continues to look for ways to improve Scientific Sessions. It welcomes your feedback on the changes that were implemented this year. Please email me at mllf@jordan@mays.isc.gov with your comments or ideas that will make this year’s meeting even better.

Jordan D. Miller, PhD

ATV Rocks at Scientific Sessions 2013

I was thrilled to see many of our Council members at Scientific Sessions 2013 in Dallas. I would like to thank Greg Sheres, PhD, FAHA, for organizing the ATV Rocks program. The ATV Rocks program is the fourth largest Council and was well represented at the meeting with scientific sessions, presentation of three named lectures, a Women’s Leadership Committee Luncheon, Early Career competition and Early Career Reception.

Poster professors were matched up with posters to increase exchange between senior faculty and young investigators. At the business meeting, we discussed new AHA funding programs such as the Strategically Focused Research Program. This program requires three components: basic science, clinical research and population studies. I encourage you to consider applying for this program as well as other programs listed on the AHA website.

Other Council programs that positively affected attendees were the Early Career Committee activities led by Jordan Miller, PhD, and the mentoring program led by Penny-Anne Rey, PhD, FAHA.

Please consider becoming a Fellow of the American Heart Association with our Council. We welcome ideas and volunteers. Contact me at nmackman@med.unc.edu.

Finally, I hope to see you at our spring meeting May 3-5 in Toronto. This is a great opportunity to learn about new science, network and socialize with friends.

Nigel Mackman
PhD, FAHA

ATV Council’s 2013 Distinguished Achievement Award

Martha Cathcart, PhD, FAHA, with the ATVB Council Award.

Early Career Career

Scientific Sessions 2013 was a terrific meeting for young investigators, with events aimed at highlighting young investigators, providing networking opportunities and career development sessions nearly every day of the conference.

This year marked the third annual Early Career Investigator Competition at Scientific Sessions. All four finalists (below) gave outstanding presentations, and Kyumpum Heo, PhD, University of Rochester, was announced as the winner at the ATVB Business Luncheon. The Early Career Committee will sponsor this competition again next year, and we encourage all early-career investigators to apply for this manuscript- and presentation-based award.

The Networking Luncheon sponsored by the Women’s Leadership Committee was held in a roundtable format and covered topics such as setting up your first lab, grant writing, mentorship and how to move your basic scientific findings into human subjects. This event continues to be well attended and is a tremendous resource for young investigators every year.

The ATVB Early Career Networking Session on Tuesday evening continued to be the Council’s flagship event at Scientific Sessions, drawing more than 200 junior and senior investigators. This session also highlighted 70 of the highest scoring posters submitted to ATVB-related themes at Scientific Sessions, drawing more than 200 junior and senior investigators. This session also highlighted 70 of the highest scoring posters submitted to ATVB-related themes at Scientific Sessions, drawing more than 200 junior and senior investigators.

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Finally, preparations for the 2014 ATVB Sessions in Toronto are underway. This meeting continues to be a terrific venue for scientific interchange, networking and career development opportunities. We look forward to seeing you in May in Toronto.

The finalists in the Early Career Investigator Competition were (from left) Soochong Kim, PhD, DVM, MD, PhD, Kyungmin Hio, PhD, Tae Hoon Kim, PhD, MD, PhD, and Michael Karpati, MD, PhD.

Mackman (left) and Moore (right) presented Thrombosis Special Recognition Awards to Xiaoping Du, MD, PhD, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and Shiwen Huang, MD, PhD, Duke University.

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Marlokh A.W. van den Boogaart, MD, (middle) received an award for the highest-scoring abstract at Scientific Sessions.

Mackman (left) and Moore (right) presented Thrombosis Special Recognition Awards to Xiaoping Du, MD, PhD, and Shiwen Huang, MD, PhD.