

Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology

From the Chair

Elizabeth G. Nabel, MD

I am writing to welcome all of you to the Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (ATVB) and its activities. Our Council is growing and working hard to serve its members. We are continuing to focus on research opportunities and support through scientific meetings, research grants, and fostering collaborations with other Councils in mutual areas of interest. We not only welcome but really do need your active participation in Council activities.

Our Council is coordinated by a Leadership Committee, which meets twice a year at the AHA meeting in November and our ATVB spring meeting in May. I am looking forward to many successful years for our Council with your continued support and input. Best wishes!

From Our Immediate Past Chair

Henry Ginsberg, MD

During the past year, the ATVB council has been very active in several areas. We have had a significant increase in the number of new members and fellows, thanks to a mailing campaign. Our most significant activity has been the council's spring meeting. The goal is to have that meeting as a premier event for our young investigators. We have also continued to expand the scope of the ATVB meeting, with this year's meeting

having much greater involvement from the council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism, and the meeting in 2005 planned as a tri-meeting with ATVB, NPAM and the Epidemiology and Prevention Council. Administratively, the council has undergone structural changes in accord with changes in AHA bylaws. As such, it is imperative that younger members of the council who wish to be active in council activities contact the leadership.

From the Chair of Our Annual Conference

Linda Curtiss, PhD

The 4th Annual Conference on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology will be held on May 8–10, 2003, in Washington, DC at the Renaissance Hotel.

Program Description:

The goal of this two-and-one-half day meeting is to bring together diverse disciplines within the arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, and vascular biology research communities to allow investigators to explore areas of cross-disciplinary interest. The program encourages cross-fertilization by examining new and emerging areas in lipids and lipoproteins, arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, and vascular biology in an informal setting. Sessions are planned by each of the representative areas, ie, arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, vascular biology, and nutrition/physical activity/metabolism. The advance registration deadline is **April 9, 2003**. Please bookmark this URL for meeting details: <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=3003908>

From the Editor-in-Chief of Our Journal

Donald Heistad, MD

Read the entire editorial at *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol.* 2003;23:1–2.

Publication of High-Quality Papers:

The latest available data (for 2001) indicate that the impact factor for *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology (ATVB)* has increased substantially during the past year (from 5.1 to 5.8), and has increased from 3.9 to 5.8 during the three years of our editorship.

substantially in the past few years. To accomplish this goal, we are able to accept only 21% of manuscripts that are submitted.

Our Constituencies:

Almost half of the papers submitted to *ATVB* focus on lipoproteins and/or atherosclerosis. We believe that *ATVB* is recognized as an important journal for the leading articles in this area of research. Vascular biology has emerged as an important scientific discipline. In recognition of the importance of vascular biology, and the emergence of superb vascular biology in Japan, *ATVB* is now the official journal of the Japanese Medical Vascular Biology Association, as well as the ATVB Council of the American Heart Association and the European Vascular Biology Organization. The Journal continues to emphasize studies of thrombosis. An important area of research is the interaction between blood products and blood vessels, and this is an area of great interest to the Journal.

Rapid Review and Publication:

One of our major goals is to provide expert, rapid reviews of manuscripts that are submitted to *ATVB*. The average time from receipt of new manuscripts to first decision, and notification of authors, has decreased

2002–2003 Leadership Committee Roster

MISSION

The Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology contributes to the mission and objectives of the American Heart Association through efforts in the fields of arteriosclerosis, thrombosis and vascular biology. The council advances and coordinates research, addresses prevention, improves methods for diagnosis and treatment and works actively with other organizations concerned with these problems. The council disseminates reliable information related to these fields through its annual conference, many awards and lectures, and the Journal on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology.

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In Memoriam

Donald S. Fredrickson, MD
(1924–2002)

Read about this remarkable physician-scientist by Antonio M. Gotto, Jr; *Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology*. 2002;22:1506.

New Initiatives:

Under the leadership of Dr Steven Lentz, we have initiated a new series of focused brief reviews, titled "ATVB In Focus."

Summary:

The quality of articles, as judged by the impact factor and the immediacy index, continues to improve. The number of submitted manuscripts continues to increase steadily, and the Journal is definitely an international journal. The term of the current Editors has been extended to 2007. We are pleased with this vote of confidence. The editors sincerely thank members of the Editorial Board, reviewers, authors, and readers of the Journal.

Awards presented at the Scientific Sessions in November 2002, Chicago, IL



Russell Ross Lecture: Elizabeth Nabel, Chair; Shawn Coughlin, Lecturer



Special Recognition Awards: Carole L. Banka, Mary Sorci-Thomas, Alan Tall, Donald Heistad, Gilbert White, Mark Taubman, Harold Roberts



2002 George Lyman Duff lecture: Silvia Santamarina-Fojos, Lecturer; Henry Ginsberg, Chair; Bryan H. Brewer, Lecturer



2002 Sol Sherry Lecture: Katherine High, Chair; David Ginsburg, Lecturer

Not Pictured Distinguished Achievement Award: Donald Heistad