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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the American Heart Association and the Scientific Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, we cordially welcome your participation at the 6th Annual Conference on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology. The meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington D.C, April 28-30, 2005. The meeting is sponsored and organized by the American Heart Association Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology and the American Heart Association Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism.

The meeting provides unique opportunities to meet with colleagues from around the world with wide-ranging research interests and expertise within the research communities of arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, and vascular biology. We expect broad representation from many disciplines, and we encourage young scientists to attend. The meeting will once again offer an outstanding scientific program that will appeal to basic and translational researchers, clinicians, nurses, and other health professionals. The program is intended to encourage exchange between to ATVB areas by examining new and emerging areas in lipids and lipoproteins, arteriosclerosis, thrombosis and vascular biology in an informal setting. In addition, to invited Plenary Lectures and Mini-Symposia, there will be oral presentations of selected abstracts and poster presentations. At last year's meeting attracted ~400 abstract submissions.

This year the ATVB Conference is being held immediately preceding the 45th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism. On April 30, both conferences will present programs of interest to members of the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism. Attendees of the ATVB Conference are invited to attend the afternoon sessions at no additional charge. A discounted registration is offered to those wishing to attend both meetings.

Please make plans to join us this spring in Washington, DC for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Conference. For the most recent conference information, visit the Web site at [my.americanheart.org](http://my.americanheart.org), click on the Conferences and Education tab and select the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology. Abstracts are submitted at this site and a Preliminary Program can also be viewed soon. The Abstract submission deadline has been extended to January 20, 2005.

Sincerely,

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Program Chair