

Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, Former ATVB Council Chair, Chosen as Director of National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute



Dr. Elizabeth G. Nabel

Dr. Elizabeth G. Nabel, fellow and former Chairperson of ATVB (2002–03), has been appointed Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) effective Feb. 1, 2005, succeeding Dr. Claude Lenfant, who retired in August 2003 after 21 years as NHLBI Director.

Dr. Nabel received her undergraduate education at Wellesley College and her MD from Cornell Medical College. She completed internship, internal medicine residency, and clinical and research

fellowships in cardiovascular medicine at the Brigham and Women’s Hospitals of Harvard University. She then joined the University of Michigan, where her research centered upon the molecular genetics of cardiovascular disease. She advanced to chief of cardiology before moving to the National Institutes of Health.

As Scientific Director of Intramural Research at NHLBI,

Dr. Nabel has promoted excellence in both translational science and the conduct of clinical research, focusing upon quality, accountability and ethics in the performance of clinical cardiovascular research. She and her husband, Dr. Gary Nabel, Director of the Vaccine Research Center of the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, are

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MISSION STATEMENT

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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also renowned for devotion to their family life, as well as providing mentorship in both scientific and life decision-making to junior colleagues.

Dr. Nabel has served the American Heart Association in many capacities. In 2000, she received the Special Recognition Award in Vascular Biology from the Council on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, and in 2003 she received the

Women's Leadership Mentoring Award, also from the ATVB Council. She was Chair of the ATVB Council from 2002–03. She is also a fellow of the Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences. She has chaired the Scientific Publishing Committee, served on the Scientific Sessions Program Committee, the Science Advisory and Coordinating Committee, the National Board of Directors, the Nominating and Awards Committee and the Council Operations Committee. She delivered the Lewis A. Connor Lecture, "Crossing the Molecular Divide: Genetic Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease," at the opening session of Scientific Sessions 2004.

As NHLBI Director, Dr. Nabel assumes responsibility for 850 staff members, a budget of more than \$3 billion, and a network of scientific activities that extends far beyond the NIH's Bethesda campus. ATVB members will continue to benefit from her leadership in their ongoing scientific and clinical activities, as will the general public from the prevention and treatment initiatives and public policy formulations that she promulgates.

The 6th Annual Conference on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology

The 6th Annual Conference on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology will be held April 28–30 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC. Conference goals include bringing together investigators from basic science and clinical disciplines relating to vascular disease. Conference format includes state-of-the-art invited lectures, simultaneous presentations of new research and poster presentations, as well as named award lectures. Generous travel awards for trainees and awards for junior investigators are features of this conference.

This year's conference will be presented in conjunction with the 45th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism, which is scheduled for April 30–May 2, also in Washington, DC. On April 30, both conferences will present programs of interest to members of the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism. Register for both conferences and receive a discount on your registration for the second meeting. Additional information on registration, lodging, travel awards, and conference format can be found on the AHA Web site at americanheart.org/conferences or by e-mail to scientificconferences@heart.org.