As we embark on the New Year, I offer my heartfelt thanks to each and every council member who has generously donated their time and energy to make the Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology Council a scientific home to more than 3,000 members. I would also like to reflect on the stimulating Scientific Sessions 2018 held in Chicago, Illinois last November. At our annual business meeting a number of ATVB members received special recognition: Aldons (Jake) Lusis, PhD, FAHA, received the Distinguished Scientist Award and Edward Fisher, MD, PhD, MPH, FAHA, received the 2018 Distinguished Achievement Award. Special recognition awards were given to council members Shobha Ghosh, PhD, FAHA, Tatiana Byzova, PhD, and Yabing Chen, PhD, MBA, FAHA, for contributions in their specific fields of arteriosclerosis, thrombosis, and vascular biology, respectively.

Also at Sessions, we heard a number of inspiring named lectures: Ruth McPherson MD, PhD, gave the George Lyman Duff Memorial Lecture, Joseph Witztum, MD, FAHA gave the Russell Ross Memorial Lectureship in Vascular Biology, and Steven Lentz, MD, PhD, FAHA, gave the Sol Sherry Distinguished Lecture.

As we honor these outstanding scientists, we are also reminded to reach out and mentor the next generation of named lecture recipients. A great way to do this is to nominate a promising council member to be recognized as a FAHA, a Fellow of the American Heart Association. If you have such a person in mind, visit the ATVB page at professional.heart.org/fellowship or email Lindsey.Nadeau@heart.org for more information.

In closing I would like to encourage all members to attend the 2019 Spring Vascular Discovery Meeting to be held May 14-16 in Boston, Massachusetts. It promises to be a fun and exciting meeting in an extraordinary city! See you there!

ATVB Welcomes New FAHAs

At Sessions we inducted four new FAHAs into ATVB:
- Jonathan Butcher, PhD, FAHA
- Sang-Hyun Kim, MD, PhD, MSc FAHA
- Marvin T. Nieman, PhD, FAHA
- Daiju Fukuda, MD, PhD, FAHA

We welcome these new FAHAs and expect to see great things from them in the future.
ATVB on the International Stage

Some may look at the name “American Heart Association” and assume that our organization is only present in the U.S. However, the AHA has an amazing international presence, and is regarded the world over as the authority on cardiovascular disease research, news and guidelines. Our council is no exception. Our members come from far and wide, across the world. The outstanding program at Scientific Sessions 2018 attracted a huge number of international attendees, but it is more than our meetings that bring us together from across the world. The Paul Dudley White International Awards have been given out for the past two years to the top ranked abstracts in each country. The awardees are given a ribbon for their name badge to facilitate networking and recognition of their accomplishments, and to find each other and meet others from across the world with similar exceptional research.

Our incoming Chair of the ATVB Council, Kerry Anne Rye, PhD, FAHA, is located in Sydney, Australia. She is a professor and world expert in lipoprotein biology and its role in atherosclerosis, and has been a longstanding contributor to the council and brings her international experience to our meetings, committees and programs year after year.

For our Spring 2019 Vascular Discovery meeting, the co-chair is Lars Maegdefessel, MD, PhD, located in Munich, Germany. Dr. Maegdefessel is an associate professor/clinician scientist who specializes in vascular medicine, aortic aneurysm and non-coding RNAs, and who joined ATVB’s Early Career Committee when he was a postdoctoral fellow.

Speaking of the Early Career Committee, they have a host of members from across the world, including China (Miao Wang), Brazil (Marcel Liberman, MD, PhD, FAHA), Australia (Belinda Di diBartolo, PhD), Germany (Dorothee Atzler, PhD, and Uwe Raaz, MD), the Netherlands (Eric van der Veer, PhD) and Canada (Mireille Ouimet, PhD). Their active involvement has led to some stellar programming at both Sessions and our Vascular Discovery meetings.

Our Membership and Communications Committee is also full of international perspectives, including Marit Westerterp, PhD (The Netherlands) and yours truly (from Canada).

We are really a council that brings people together, all with the common thread of promoting our excellent science, sharing our stories, and mentoring the next generation.

Do you want to get involved? Please contact me (on Twitter @KateyRayner or @ATVBCouncil) or any of our amazing council members to find out how to contribute to ATVB on the world’s stage.

Want to get involved with the AHA?
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