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Once again, it is time to start planning for our annual fall conference to be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C., Oct. 13–16, 2010. This will be our 64th and it will be co-sponsored by the Council on the Kidney in Cardiovascular Disease. This two-and-one-half-day meeting is considered one of the most important medical meetings on this subject in the world. The conference includes oral and poster presentations by clinical and basic researchers from 20 countries. The conference will be preceded by a one-day workshop on “New paradigms in hypertension research,” for Wednesday, Oct. 13. Abstract submission opens April 7 and closes on June 21. Abstracts are selected on the basis of scientific merit and must include data (absolute values) in detail sufficient to support conclusions. Abstracts that do not contain data (absolute values) will not be considered for review. Abstract acceptance notification will be sent by mid-August 2010. Accepted abstracts will be published online in the November edition of the *Hypertension* journal. Dr. Rhian Touyz heads the Program Committee for the fall conference. If you become a member of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research before Sept. 9, you will save up to \$300 on registration. The following conference awards may be applied for (see Council Web site for more information on application procedure):

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

- Annual High Blood Pressure Research Conference New Investigator Award, sponsored by the Council for High Blood Pressure Research
- Kidney Council New Investigator Travel Award
- New Investigator Travel Award, sponsored by the Trainee Advocacy Committee of the Council for High Blood Pressure Research
- The Harry Goldblatt New Investigator Award

As many of you know, my term as Chair of the Council will end in November this year and Rhian will take over for the next two years. This means that it is time to start thinking about nominations for our next Vice Chair. We also will have several openings on the Leadership Committee that need to be filled (representative for members-at-large, international representative, new member representative). Candidates for Vice Chair should have already had substantial experience serving on the Leadership Committee as well as other Council committees. Candidates for committee membership should also be premium professional members and have already had some experience serving on Council committees. Please send all nominations to Dr. Gabriel Navar, Chair of the Nominations Committee (navar@tulane.edu).

In mid-February, the Science Advisory & Coordinating Committee met in Dallas. (This committee meets quarterly and reviews the business of the AHA's councils.) Most of the news presented at this meeting was very positive with respect to the goals and future of our organization. One action item that was disappointing was that once again the Established Investigatorship Award will be placed on hiatus for another year. Hopefully this time next year, funding will be on track and this important research award will be reinstated.

The 7th Hypertension Summer School is approaching and registration is now open (my.americanheart.org). The dates for the school are July 31–Aug. 4, 2010, and the venue is Portland State University in Portland, Ore. This intensive week of lecturing and interactive sessions is open to all, but trainees — graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and clinical fellows — who wish to pursue careers in basic or clinical hypertension research are especially encouraged to attend. Registration closes Friday, June 25. The organizers of the school are Drs. Raymond Townsend and Donald DiPette.

Finally, I would like to say that this is an exciting time for the members of our Council. The next Leadership Committee will be held on Monday, May 24 and the next newsletter will report on that meeting. We are here to serve you.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Meetings

NAVBO

June 19–23, 2010
Los Angeles, CA

7th Hypertension Summer School

July 31–Aug. 4, 2010
Portland, OR

International Society of Hypertension

Sept. 26–30, 2010
Vancouver, B.C., Canada

High Blood Pressure Research 2010 Scientific Sessions

Oct. 13–16, 2010
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Washington, D.C.

American Heart Association Scientific Sessions 2010

Nov. 13–17, 2010
Chicago, IL

American Physiological Society Conference on Inflammation, Immunity and CV Disease

Aug. 25–28, 2010
Westminster, CO

Letter from the Editor

The AHA Web site is constantly being updated and improved. New on the CHBPR page are links to updated 2010 Heart Disease and Stroke statistics. In addition, there are links to the *Hypertension* journal and the Hypertension Community on the AHA Learning Library. These are tremendous resources for the hypertension community that you should take advantage of. There is also a Council Involvement form if you are interested in volunteering in Council activities. The Web site was completely revamped last fall making it much easier to navigate. Electronic submission of grants and reference reports is now proceeding smoothly and has decreased the excessive paper shredding portion of AHA grant reviews.

Finally, the highlights of the programs for the upcoming fall Council conference and the national conference indicated that both will be great venues for our members.

As always, if there is a topic that you would like covered in this newsletter, please let me know!

Thank you for your support of the Council,
Nancy Kanagy, PhD, FAHA, Editor

SAVE THE DATE!

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Washington, D.C.

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Editor-in-Chief *Hypertension*

In December 2011, Dr. John Hall will end his second term as Editor-in-Chief of *Hypertension*. The Scientific Publishing Committee of the American Heart Association invites nominations and applications for the position of Editor-in-Chief for the term Jan. 1, 2012 through Dec. 31, 2017.

Candidates must hold a MD and/or PhD degree or equivalent, have a strong track record in cardiovascular/hypertension investigation, and have a broad knowledge of the field of cardiovascular medicine/hypertension and strong editorial experience with peer-reviewed journals. Significant familiarity with experimental design, the conduct of laboratory and clinical research, and judgment of the scientific validity and importance of research reports and review articles is highly desirable. Demonstrated excellence in leadership and supervisory skills are also very desirable.

Hypertension is a monthly publication containing about 2800 pages of editorial text annually. It has more than 15,000 subscribers worldwide, including institutional and online subscriptions.

Those interested should send curriculum vitae, and those writing to nominate others should send the nomination to:

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Deadline for receipt of applications and nominations is Aug. 1, 2010.