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AACIO Spring Dinner meeting Mar 2011

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel 500 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130
Room: Armstrong Ballroom – 8th Floor Phone: 504-525-2500

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6:00-10:00 pm

Program Agenda
6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Registration and Reception

Scientific Program
6:45 – 8:00 p.m. Scientific Program
Chairpersons: Drs. Kul Aggarwal and Navin C. Nanda

6:45 – 7:05 p.m. Prevalence of hyponatremia in patients with heart failure and why it is important to diagnose it. Srinivas Murali, M.D.

7:05 – 7:25 p.m. Management of hyponatremia in heart failure with particular reference to the minorities. Debasish Roychoudhury, M.D.

7:25 – 7:50 p.m. Advances in pacemaker technology: MRI safe pacemakers. Kul Aggarwal, M.D.

7:45 – 8:00 p.m. Panel Discussion and Questions from the Audience. Srinivas Murali, M.D., Debasish Roychoudhury, M.D., Kul Aggarwal, M.D. and Navin C. Nanda, M.D.

8:00 – 8:20 pm Young Investigator Presentations and Awards

8:20 – 8:30 pm AACIO Honoree Presentations

8:30 pm Dinner (Indian Cuisine)

Faculty

Kul Aggarwal, MD, Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of Missouri and Chief, Cardiology Section, Harry S. Truman Veterans Hospital, Columbia, Missouri

Srinivas Murali, MD, Professor of Medicine, Drexel University College of Medicine, and Director, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, and Medical Director, The Gerald McGinnis Cardiovascular Institute, Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Navin C. Nanda, MD, Professor of Medicine and Director, Heart Station/Echocardiography Laboratories, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama. Director, Echocardiography Laboratories, The Kirklin Clinic, University of Alabama Health Services Foundation, Birmingham, Alabama

Debasish Roychoudhury, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York, New York

President's Column

Dear Friends and Colleagues

Welcome to the spring 2011 Edition of the AACIO Newsletter. For many of us, digging out of a mountain of snow will be memorable. Finally, spring and summer are coming.

The November 2010 meeting in Chicago was well-attended and we had a successful scientific session. Our next meeting at New Orleans will be on the evening of Sunday, April 3, 2011. Details can be found at our website at www.aacio.org. We have lined up a strong scientific program, awards and dinner with Indian cuisine. Hope to see many of you there.

I am pleased to report again that your organization is going strong because of your involvement and I urge all of you to be even more actively involved by participating and by becoming members if you have not already done so. A record number of Fellows in training are joining the AACIO.

I would like to sincerely thank our Industry sponsors for supporting the AACIO Scientific Program and would like to especially thank Medtronic Inc. and Otsuka for their strong support of the upcoming New Orleans meeting.

I once again encourage each one of you to take a little time out of your busy schedules and actively participate in the AACIO and help make your organization grow and strengthen. See you in New Orleans!

With Warm Regards,

Kul Aggarwal

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AACIO Young Investigator Awards

Dr. Krishna Ramaswamy Award

Interventional/EP

Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy Prevents Mortality and Heart Failure in Patients with Prior Ventricular Tachyarrhythmia – A MADIT – CRT Subset Analysis. Saurav Chatterjee, M.D., Maimonides Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York

Dr. Madhukar Deshmukh Awards

Basic Science

Using Zebrafish to Dissect the Molecular Mechanisms Underlying AVN Formation. Nikhil V. Munshi, M.D., Ph.D., The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Department of Molecular Biology, Dallas, Texas.

Preventive/Imaging

Left Ventricular Efficiency in Heart Failure is Related to the Sequence of Vortex Circulation: Insights Using High Resolution Echo Particle Imaging Velocimetry. Partho P. Sengupta, M.D., DM, University of California, Irvine, California

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AACIO Honorees

Dipti Itchhaporia, M.D., F.A.C.C.

Dipti Itchhaporia, M.D., F.A.C.C. holds the Robert and Georgia Roth Chair for Excellence in Cardiac Care and is the medical director of disease management for Hoag Heart and Vascular Institute, a position she has held since 2001. In her role as Director of Disease Management, Dr. Itchhaporia leads the congestive heart failure management program and the anticoagulation clinic at Hoag Heart and Vascular Institute. She joined the medical staff at Hoag Hospital and also established her private practice specializing in diagnostic and interventional cardiology in 1996.

Dr. Itchhaporia received her medical degree from St. Louis University School of Medicine and continued to complete her residency in internal medicine at Stanford University Medical Center. Subsequently, she joined the General Medicine Faculty at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) as assistant clinical professor and then went on to do a cardiology fellowship at Georgetown University and an interventional cardiology fellowship at Stanford University. She is board certified in cardiology, interventional cardiology and nuclear cardiology.

Dr. Itchhaporia was recently elected as the Chairman-Elect for the Board of Governors for the American College of Cardiology (ACC) and is the Immediate Past President of the California state chapter of the ACC and is presently the Southern California Governor for the Board of Governors for the National ACC. She is also on the steering committee for the ACC Board of Governors, the Co-chair of the Practice Administrators Committee and a member of the Clinical Cardiology Council for the ACC. Previously, she was a member of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Membership Committee, Chair of the Women in Heart Disease Committee, the advocacy committee, the CT working group as well as Orange County Councilor for the state chapter of the ACC. She holds many leadership positions with renowned organizations including present member of the Western Affiliates board of the American Heart Association (AHA) and past president of the Orange County Chapter of the AHA. She has served the National American Heart Association Professional Educational Committee. Additionally, she has been active in the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology as a member of the government relations committee for a number of years.

Dr. Itchhaporia has Co-chaired the Controversies and Advances in Cardiology Meeting for the last two years; this meeting which has hosted 550 participants is held in Beverly Hills in October 2010. She was recently honored by the South Asian Society of Atherosclerosis and Thrombosis in Bangalore, India.

Ashok Seth, M.D.

Dr. Seth is presently the Chairman of Fortis Escorts Heart Institute in New Delhi, India. He has contributed extensively to the growth, development and scientific progress and delivery of cardiology services in India and the Asia Pacific Region. Over the past 20 years he has pioneered numerous angioplasty techniques for India and the Asia Pacific region and these have won him respect and accolades in India and across the world. For his contributions to the field of cardiology, Dr Seth has been honoured by the National award of „PADMA SHRI“ by the President of India in 2003, National Award of Republic of Spain “Crus De Oficial Con Insignia Orden De Isabel La Catolica” conferred on the National Day of Spain in 2010, F. Mason Sones SCAI (USA) Distinguished Service Award in 2010 and numerous other national and international awards. He is the President Elect of the Cardiological Society of India – the official National Body of all cardiologists of India. He has also performed one of the highest numbers of angiographies and angioplasties in Asia – which is acknowledged by the „LIMCA Book of Records“. Dr. Seth has trained more than 350 cardiologists from India and the Asia Pacific region in interventional cardiology. He is also an Honorary Professor to numerous Medical Colleges in India and Bangladesh. Dr. Seth was nominated to the Board of Governors of the Society of Cardiac Angiography and Intervention (USA) in 2007. This is a first for any cardiologist from India. He also was one of the youngest overseas doctors to be awarded the Fellowship of all the three Royal Colleges of London, Edinburgh and Ireland in the year 1995. Dr Seth has more than 100 publications to his credit in Indian and International medical journals and has written 10 chapters in various text books of cardiology and medicine

Vidyt Jain, M.D.

Dr. Jain is Chairman, Department of Cardiology at Choithram Hospital and Research Center in Indore, India. In 1984, he was the first to start coronary angiography, catheterization and echocardiographic procedures in central India. He is National Vice President, Cardiological Society of India and National Joint Secretary of the Indian Academy of Echocardiography. He is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, European Society of Cardiology, Cardiological Society of India and Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology. He is Principal Investigator for Phase II and Phase III 12 multicentre cardiac studies.

Prabash C. Manoria, M.D.

Dr. Manoria is a former Professor and Head of the Department of Cardiology at GMC Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India. He is also Honorary Physician to His Excellency, The Governor of Madhya Pradesh. He is currently Chairman of the Hypertension Council of the Asian Pacific Society of Cardiology and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Nuclear Cardiological Society of India. He has been a Past Vice President of SAARC Society, Past National President of the Cardiological Society of India, Indian College of Cardiology, Geriatric Society of India, Association of Physicians of India, Indian Society of Electrocardiology, Indian Federation of Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology and the Hypertension Society of India. He is also a Past President of the Indian Academy of Clinical Medicine. He has edited 24 books, the last being Cardio-Metabolic Medicine published in 2008 and is the recipient of several awards including the Netaji Oration Award.

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Memorium

Dr. Rajendra ‘Raja’ Dhurandhar passed away on October 18, 2010 in New Orleans. Dr. Dhurandhar was a cardiologist in New Orleans, Louisiana who helped develop Touro Infirmary’s cardiology division. Raja was a tremendous supporter of AACIO, served on the Board of Directors with distinction from the inception of AACIO, served as President (1996-1998) and helped coordinate the AACIO bi-annual meetings when they were held in New Orleans. He was a native on Bombay, earned his medical degree at the University of Bombay and came to New Orleans in 1965 to do his Cardiology Fellowship at Tulane School of Medicine. He spent several years at Toronto General Hospital before returning to New Orleans in 1970 when he began his affiliation with Touro. Dr. Dhurandhar was one of the first hospital based cardiologists in New Orleans and was responsible for bringing the cardiology department at Touro into the 20th century acquiring equipment to improve diagnostic skills including ultrasound and three-dimensional views of the heart. He established coronary care and cardiac rehabilitation units. Because of Dr. Dhurandhar’s experience studying bretylium tosylate (fights abnormal heartbeat) while in Canada, he was the first physician in the USA approved to use it before the FDA approved its use. The hospital honored Dr. Dhurandhar with the hospital’s highest honor, the Judah Touro Society Award, and the Touro Infirmary Foundation also established an award bearing his name which is given to a second-year cardiology resident. In addition to his responsibilities at Touro, he also taught at both Tulane and LSU medical schools in New Orleans and in 2001, a cardiology professorship in his name was established at LSU Health Sciences Center. He leaves his wife, Nina (retired Tulane University pathologist), two daughters, Sunita Dhurandhar (San Francisco), Dr. Anjali Dhurandhar (Denver), a brother, Jatindra Dhurandhar (Pune, India) and a sister, Sudha Gorakshakar (Boca Raton, Florida).

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