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**AACIO Dinner Meeting, Sunday, March 12,
2006, 6:30 pm**

**International Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Atlanta
265 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia**

**AACIO Executive Committee and Board of Directors will
meet at 12 Noon on March 12 in Hyatt Regency Hotel
Lobby**

Dear AACIO Members:

Special Thank You. Dr. Kul Aggarwal, AACIO Treasurer, and Dr. Vishal Gupta at the University of Missouri-Columbia have taken over the responsibility of the AACIO website and are in the process of updating it. Many changes have been made including a new shopping cart to use in renewing your 2006 membership dues.

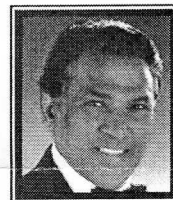
Dr. Gupta welcomes any suggestions you have and you can contact him by email at info@aacio.org. If you have not looked at the website recently, we encourage you to do this.

Presentations will be made at the March 12, 2006

AACIO meeting to the Dr. Krishna Ramaswamy

and Dr. Madhukar Deshmukh AACIO Young Investigator Awardees and a dinner will follow. A special thank you to the Awards Committee, Drs. Navin C. Nanda (Chairman), Prakash Deedwania, Kishore Harjai, Gopal Lalimalani, Jawahar L. Mehta, Rajat Sanyal, Sukh Dev Sharma and Satinder Swaroop, in reviewing all abstracts submitted for consideration for the AACIO Young Investigators Award.

We look forward to meeting each of you in Atlanta on
Sunday, March 12, 2006.



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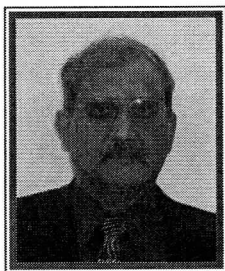


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AACIO Dinner Meeting, Sunday, March 12, 2006, 6:30 PM
Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia in the
International Ballroom



Dr. Naresh Parikh, AACIO Honoree at the November 2005 meeting, is the local Atlanta host for the AACIO meeting. He personally invites all cardiologists of Indian origin practicing in Georgia and surrounding States to participate in this meeting. It will begin at 6:30 pm with cocktails and lavish Indian Hors D'oeuvres following by presentations and a lavish Indian dinner buffet at 8:30 pm.



Dr. Mandeep Mehra
To be Honored by
AACIO

Dr. Mandeep R. Mehra of Baltimore, Maryland is currently the Herbert Berger Professor of Medicine and Chief of Cardiology at the University of Maryland. Additionally, he is Director of the University of Maryland Heart Center. From 1998 to 2005 he served as Vice Chairman of the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and Chief of the Cardiomyopathy and Heart Transplantation Center at the Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans. Dr. Mehra has authored and published nearly 350 book chapters, manuscripts, editorials and abstracts dealing with all aspects of advanced heart failure and cardiac transplantation, treatment modalities, medical therapies and alternatives to transplantation. Additionally, he serves as associate editor of the *Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation*, *American Journal of Transplantation*, *Journal of Cardiac Failure* and *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*. He is on the editorial board of several journals including the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. Dr. Mehra has been twice

named Teacher of the Year. Dr. Mehra is on the board of directors of the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation and currently serves on the Heart Failure Society of America's education committee. In 2007 and 2008, Dr. Mehra has been nominated to serve as Co-Chairperson of the annual HFSA meeting.

Dr. Mehra's Research accomplishments include development of intravascular ultrasound analysis for cardiac allograft vasculopathy in heart transplantation -- described natural history, IVUS morphology, risk markers and treatment options; performance of the only worldwide experience with intracoronary angioscopy in characterizing coronary plaques in heart transplantation; development of a new immunosuppression approaches to enhance survival in African-American heart transplant recipients; led a multicenter studies in developing molecular gene expression diagnostics for detection of rejection and prediction of outcomes in heart transplantation; investigated the new biomarker, BNP, in heart transplantation -- correlated it with hemodynamics, coronary artery disease post transplant and survival; discovered that obesity is associated with circulating BNP insufficiency in heart failure and investigated refinements to the interpretation of cardiopulmonary stress testing in heart failure.

Dr. Krishna Ramaswamy and Dr. Madhukar Deshmukh
AACIO YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS
November 2005, Dallas, Texas

The abstracts of Dr. Sanjiv J. Shah (University of California, San Francisco, California) and Dr. Sunil Shroff (University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH) were selected for the AACIO Young Investigator Award and were presented at the AACIO Meeting held during the ACC meeting in Orlando in March 2005. Both received a plaque and a check for \$1000.00. Dr. Sanjiv J. Shah received the Dr. Krishna Ramaswamy Young Investigator's Award and presented an abstract on the "Physiology of the Third Heart Sound: Novel Insights from Tissue Doppler Imaging and Invasive Left Ventricular Hemodynamics" and Dr. Sunil C. Shroff received the Dr. Madhukar Deshmukh Young Investigator's Award and presented his abstract on "Selective Aldosterone Blockade is More Effective than ACE-Inhibition in Suppressing Inducibility of Sustained Atrial Tachyarrhythmias in the Canine Rapid Ventricular Pacing-Induced Heart Failure Model".



Dr. Sunil Shroff (left) and Dr. Sanjiv J. Shah (right) with plaques of their awards.

Dr. Navin C. Nanda Honored

The administration, medical staff and cardiology department of Saud Al-Babtain Cardiac Center, Dammam, Saudi Arabia, have agreed unanimously, because of the pioneering scientific contributions of Navin C. Nanda, MD in the fields of echocardiography and cardiology and for his exceptional educational efforts throughout the world including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, to honor him by naming the Non-invasive Department of our Cardiac Center after him as: "The Navin C. Nanda Hemodynamics and Noninvasive Imaging Department at Saud Al-Babtain Cardiac Center"



Photo shows Drs. Hamed Omran, General Director, Saud Al-Babtain Cardiac Center, Navin Nanda, Mustafa Al-Rifae, Chief of Cardiology and Mahmoud Awad, Director, Echocardiography Laboratory

FUTURE CARDIOLOGY/ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY CONFERENCES

March 10-11, 2006, 22nd Annual International Conference on Recent Advances in Echocardiography. March 10: 6:00 – 9:30 pm > Using Newer Echo Technologies in Clinical Day-to-Day Practice (includes Hands-On Workshop); March 11: 7:00 am – 2:00 pm > Interesting Case Studies. A total of 59 cases are expected to be shown. Marriott Atlanta Marquis, 265 Peachtree Center, Atlanta, Georgia. Conference Director: Dr. Navin C. Nanda

September 14-17, 2006 19th Annual Conference on 2D, Conventional and Color Doppler Echocardiography, Callaway Gardens Resort, Pine Mountain, Georgia. Conference Director: Dr. Navin C. Nanda

October 19-21, 2006, X World Congress of Echocardiography and Vascular Ultrasound, Hilton Hotel, Rome, Italy. Cosponsored by the International Society of Cardiovascular Ultrasound and the Italian Society of Cardiovascular Echography (SIEC). Congress is being organized by Professor Francesco Fedele

June 29 – July 1, 2007, **XI World Congress of Echocardiography and Vascular Ultrasound, Rhodes, Greece**. Cosponsored by the European Society of Hypertension. Congress President: Dr. Athanasios J. Manolis. For further information on this Congress contact Congress Secretariat: Triaena Tours & Congress S.A., Athens, Greece, phone: +30-210-7499300; fax: +30-210-7705752; email: congress@triaenatours.gr

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