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AACIO Dinner Meeting, Sunday, November November 12, 2006, 6:00 pm

**Klay Oven (Indian Restaurant), 414 North Orleans Street
Downtown, Chicago, Illinois (Phone: 312-527-3999)**

**AACIO Executive Committee and Board of Directors will
meet at 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 12 at the Klay
Oven**

Dear AACIO Members:

Dinner Meeting Program

6:00-6:30 pm Cocktails

6:30-9:00 pm Indian Dinner, Presentations and Entertainment

Presentation: "Comprehensive Wealth Management: A Prescription
For Success", Kamesh Nagarajan, Smith Barney Senior Investment
Management Specialist

Award Presentations

AACIO Honoree: Dr. Masood Ahmad

AACIO Young Investigator Awards

Dr. Krishna Ramaswamy Award: Dr. Pridhvi Yelamanchili

Dr. Madhukar Deshmukh Award: Dr. Kalpana Prakasa

Entertainment

We look forward to meeting each of you in Chicago on Sunday,
November 12, 2006.

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ABC/AACIO Interactive Breakfast Symposium

Monday, November 13, 2006, 6:00-8:00 am

(registration begins at 5:30 am)

Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois (phone: 312-565-1234)

Meeting Room: Crystal Ballroom, West Tower, Green Level

You are cordially invited to join us for a breakfast symposium on Monday, November 13, 2006 from 6:00 am to 8:00 am (registration and breakfast will begin at 5:30 am) at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc., and The Physicians Academy for Clinical and Management Excellence in collaboration with the American Association of Cardiologists of Indian Origin are sponsoring this educational activity. The CME activity, ***Overcoming the Ethnic and Socioeconomic Barriers to Successfully Managing Hypertension and Dyslipidemia: A Review of Complicated Cases*** provides a compelling forum to discuss the challenges in managing dyslipidemia and hypertension in special populations, specifically (ethnic racial minorities and women), as well as review recent data on the emerging crisis of cardiovascular disease among minorities in the US. Experts will review real life patient cases as well as discuss innovative ways to enhance compliance and improve physician-patient communication by overcoming the cultural barriers.



DR. MASOOD AHMAD To Be Honored by AACIO

Masood Ahmad, M.D. is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology and Medical Director of the Echocardiography Laboratory at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas. Prior to joining the Cardiology Division at UTMB in 1981, Dr. Ahmad was Associate Professor of Medicine and Director of the Echocardiography Laboratory at the University of Missouri Columbia and served as Chief of the Cardiology section at the Harry S. Truman Memorial VA Hospital, also in Columbia, Missouri, from 1978-1981. Dr. Ahmad completed medical school in Kashmir, India; medical residency and cardiology fellowship at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New York and at Parkland Memorial Hospital/Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas. He is board certified in internal medicine (1975),

cardiovascular diseases (1979) and in echocardiography (1996, 2005). Dr. Ahmad is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, American Society of Echocardiography and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada. His special interests include application of noninvasive imaging techniques in evaluation of ischemic heart disease. He has contributed to research in cardiovascular nuclear medicine, cardiac magnetic resonance imaging and echocardiography. He has published 75 articles in peer reviewed scientific journals. Dr. Ahmad's current interests include 3D stress echocardiography and evaluation of new ultrasound contrast agents for assessment of myocardial perfusion.



**Dr. Krishna Ramaswamy and
Dr. Madhukar Deshmukh
AACIO YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARDS
March 2006, Atlanta, Georgia**

The abstracts of Dr. Rajni K. Rao and Dr. Asim N. Cheema were selected for the AACIO Young Investigator Award and were presented at the AACIO Meeting held during the ACC meeting in Atlanta in March 2006. Both received a plaque and a check for \$1000.00. Dr. Rajni K. Rao received the Dr. Krishna Ramaswamy Young Investigator's Award and presented an abstract on the "Reduced Ventricular Volumes and Improved Systolic Performance with Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy: A Comparison of Simultaneous Biventricular Pacing vs. Sequential Biventricular Pacing vs. Left Univentricular Pacing" and Dr. Asim N. Cheema received the Dr. Madhukar Deshmukh Young Investigator's Award and presented an abstract on "US11218, a PDGFR and VEGFR2 Inhibitor Blocks Adventitial Angiogenesis and Prevents Intimal Hyperplasia after Coronary Stenting in a Porcine Model".



Dr. Rajni Rao (left) receiving award from Dr. Rajat Sanyal



Dr. Rajat Sanyal presenting award to Dr. Asim Cheema (right)

AACIO Members Honored



Dr. Nanda – Ellis Island Award 2006

Dr. Navin C. Nanda, Professor of Medicine and Director, Heart Station/ Echocardiography Laboratories, at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, was selected by the Board of Directors and the Selection Committee of the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations (NECO) as a recipient of the 2006 Ellis Island Medal of Honor. The official Award ceremony was held in the historic Great Hall on Ellis Island near the Statue of Liberty in New York on May 13, 2006. It ranks as one of the nation's most prestigious and highest civilian awards and is officially recognized and sanctioned by the United States Congress (both the House of Representatives and the Senate). The awardees' names are also listed in the Congressional Record.

FUTURE CARDIOLOGY/ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY CONFERENCES

November 11, 2006, 16th Annual International Conference in Echocardiography; Case Studies and Recent Advances in Echocardiography, Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, Illinois. Room: Chicago 6. Conference Director: Dr. Navin C. Nanda

March 23-24, 2007, 23rd Annual International Conference on Recent Advances in Echocardiography. Venue to be announced, New Orleans, Louisiana. Conference Director: Dr. Navin C. Nanda

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

September 13-16, 2007 20th Annual Conference on 2D, Conventional and Color Doppler Echocardiography, Callaway Gardens Resort, Pine Mountain, Georgia. Conference Director: Dr. Navin C. Nanda

For further information on any of the above conference please contact: Dr. Navin C. Nanda, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Heart Station SW/S102, 619 19th Street South, Birmingham, AL 35249 (phone: 205-934-8256; fax: 205-934-6747; conference email: lindyc@uab.edu; personal email: nanda@uab.edu)

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