

Lipoproteins and Vascular Diseases Division (LVDD)

Spring 2014 Newsletter

Message from Chair: Kris Kulkarni, PhD.

I hope this letter finds all LVDD members in good health and high spirits. Like me, I am sure, all of you are glad that *Spring* is finally here after an unusually severe and long drawn winter. Spring is also the time of plans and projects. So, it is time for us to plan and get ready for the upcoming LVD division's program during the 2014 AACC Annual Meeting to be held, July 27-31, in Chicago, Illinois. I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Committee has already planned a line of exciting events for its annual meeting which you, as a member of LVDD, do not want to miss. As you will learn our focus this year will be on clinical aspects of coronary heart disease (CHD).

As you all are aware that despite remarkable advances made in the prevention and treatment of CHD over the last three decades CHD continues to be the leading cause of death in the US. According to the recently released Heart and Stroke statistics (2014 Update by AHA; Circulation 2014; 129:e28-e292) 379,559 people died of CHD in 2010 in this country, accounting for 1 in 6 deaths. In addition, 620,000 people were expected to have a new heart attack and another 295,000 recurrent attacks. The corresponding numbers for 2008 (statistics released in 2010) are 405,309 (deaths), 785,000 (expected new heart attacks), and 470,000 (recurrent attacks). These data clearly tell us that a remarkable achievement in the reduction of mortality and morbidity due to CHD has been made. You, as a professional working in this field and a member of LVDD, are a big part of this national accomplishment. It does not matter whether your contribution is direct or indirect. However, our goal is not complete yet as an unbelievable number of people still die of heart attack each year.

Our past leaders of LVDD have done an excellent job of dissipating the growing body of knowledge and information in this field through numerous academic activities and I thank each one of them. The current Executive Committee will strive to continue this tradition. However, we cannot achieve this without your support and active participation in the division's programs.

Annual Meeting Activities

This year we are very fortunate to have two of the most eminent and internationally recognized speakers speaking on the most current and hot topics during our Annual Dinner Meetings in Chicago. **Dr. Michael H. Davidson, MD, FACC, FACP, FNLA**, Clinical Professor, Director of Preventive Cardiology, The University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinic, has graciously agreed to talk on "**Novel Therapies for Dyslipidemia**". Dr. Davidson is an internationally recognized expert on statins, novel lipid-lowering drugs and the reduction of coronary artery disease risk through diet and exercise. An active researcher,

Dr. Davidson’s clinical research background encompasses both pharmaceutical and nutritional clinical trials. His extensive research on statins, novel lipid lowering drugs, and non-pharmacologic risk factor reduction has established him as a key opinion leader in this area. A prolific author and lecturer on lipid disorders, nutrition, and atherosclerosis, Dr. Davidson has coordinated more than 1,000 clinical trials in areas of preventive cardiology. He has published more than 250 articles for leading medical journals and has written books on Lipidology. He will be speaking on Monday, July 28, 2014 at the Annual LVDD Mixer/Dinner Meeting (5:30 pm – 9:30 pm; Hyatt Regency Chicago, Crystal Ballroom B). **Dr. Peter Toth**, MD, PhD, FAAFP, FICA, FAHA, FNLA, FCCP, FACC, Director of Preventive Cardiology, CHG Medical Center, Sterling, IL, Professor of Clinical Family and Community Medicine, University of Illinois School of Medicine, Peoria, IL, has kindly agreed to speak on **“ The ACC/AHA Guidelines on Blood Cholesterol Management: Controversies and Curious Omissions”** at our International Lipoprotein Standardization Meeting, Tuesday, July 29, 2014 (6:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Hyatt Regency Chicago; Crystal Ballroom A). Dr. Toth has authored and coauthored over 225 publications in medical and scientific journals and textbooks. He has coedited several CHD related books with such well known authors as Antonio Gotto and Michael Davidson.

For your convenience the details of LVDD program during 2014 AACC Annual Meeting are mentioned below.

Date	Time	Event	Hotel Location	Room Location	Cost
Sunday, July 27, 2014	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	LVDD Executive Committee & Membership meeting	Hyatt Regency Chicago	Atlanta	Free to members
Monday, July 28, 2014	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	Annual LVDD Mixer/Dinner Meeting and Division Awards Novel Therapies for Dyslipidemia by Michael Davidson, MD	Hyatt Regency Chicago	Crystal Ballroom B	\$50.00
Tuesday, July 29, 2014	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	International Lipoprotein Standardization Meeting and Poster Awards The ACC/AHA Guidelines on Blood Cholesterol Management: Controversies and Curious Omissions	Hyatt Regency Chicago	Crystal Ballroom A	\$40.00

		by Peter Toth, MD, PhD			
TBA	TBA	Poster Presentations/Poster Walk	TBA	TBA	Free to AACC Annual Meeting Registrants

You can register for the above mentioned Dinner Meetings (to be held July 28 and 29) while registering for 2014 AACC Annual Meeting or at 2014 Annual Meeting & Clinical Lab Expo website under Conference Program/Special Events/Register Online.

As you can see we have planned for an exciting and informative program for our Annual Meeting in Chicago this July. I hope you will attend. This is also an occasion to meet your peer one -on-one and expand your professional networking.

Lipid Research News

Going forward, we also plan to publish "*Lipid Research News*" three times a year. We are looking for member volunteers to contribute to this publication. Please contact any of LVDD Officers listed below.

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On behalf of LVDD Executive Committee members I thank all members for their commitment to this division. Without your continued support LVDD cannot achieve its goals.

As Chair of the LVD Division I welcome questions, comments, and feedback from you. Please contact me at kkulkarni@atherotech.com .