Council, where we hope to see many of the new faces from our growing membership. A special emphasis of the PVD Council is our Fellows-in-Training Workshop. This year’s Saturday FIT program again boasts an array of outstanding lectures given by internationally recognized experts in vascular medicine, surgery, and intervention. We will again have dedicated sessions on career development and mentorship, with ample opportunities for fellows and junior faculty to mingle with established vascular specialists and investigators across all career types. If you are a current or potential fellow with interests in PVD, or a young faculty member, the FIT program has much to offer in juxtaposition to the world’s premier cardiovascular science meeting.

I look forward to seeing you this November.

Highlights of the PVD 2014 Track

CVS.601 Thoracic Aortic Dissections: Current Management 11/16/2014 5:30:00 PM

ATE.701 Venous Thromboembolism and Extended Antiplatelet Therapy: Who, When and How 11/16/2014 5:30:00 PM

SMP.632 Controversies in Prevention of Carotid Artery Stenosis 11/16/2014 8:00:00 AM

SMP.235 Exercise Is Medicine Throughout the Life Span for All 11/16/2014 8:00:00 AM

SMP.322 Update on CVD Prediction and Prevention in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus 11/16/2014 8:30:00 AM

CVS.106 Vascular Calcification: Looking Beyond the Coronaries 11/17/2014 5:30:00 PM

CVS.605 Renal Artery Interventions: Quo Vadis? 11/17/2014 7:30:00 AM

CVS.222 Cardiovascular Risk Prediction 2014: Beyond Risk Scores 11/18/2014 5:30:00 PM

CVS.112 Imaging in PAD: What’s on the Horizon? 11/18/2014 5:30:00 PM

CVS.613 Clinical Trials in PAD 11/18/2014 7:30:00 AM

CVS.219 Global Health Impact of PAD 11/18/2014 7:30:00 AM

CVS.218 Routine Testing in Peripheral Arterial Disease 11/18/2014 7:30:00 AM

SS.13 Curing Atherosclerosis: The Next Step in Cardiovascular Prevention? 11/19/2014 10:45:00 AM

CVS.525 New Concepts in Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone Activation 11/19/2014 7:30:00 AM

Networking and mentorship opportunities extend throughout the meeting from Saturday’s early career day through poster sessions.

Michael Conte, MD, FAHA

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PAD and Women Initiative

The strength of the PVD Council is the excellent mentorship provided to early career members through its Early Career/Fellow-in-Training Committee, as well as informal mentoring relationships that develop through PVD Council activities. The PAD in Women initiative reflects the tremendous opportunities for early career PVD Council members to participate in high impact activities of our Council. In 2012, the AHA/ACC Scientific Statement, titled “PAD in Women: A Call to Action,” outlined the knowledge gaps in the diagnosis, treatment and public awareness of peripheral artery disease in women. This served as a springboard for an initiative grown out of the EC/FIT Committee to increase awareness of lower extremity PAD affecting women. Robust support for a PAD and Women initiative grew from the EC/FIT Committee in part due to its truly multidisciplinary nature, with members from the fields of cardiology, vascular medicine, vascular surgery, interventional radiology and general medicine. Critical to the success of the initiative has been outstanding mentorship by Alan T. Hirsch, MD, Michael Conte, MD, FAHA, and Mary McDermott, MD, among others.

In November 2013, a PAD and Women Working Group was established consisting of PVD Council members to participate in high impact activities of our Council. The aim of the PAD and Women Working Group is to develop a comprehensive action plan focused on improving patient care and awareness, provider education and research collaborations. A multidisciplinary team of providers, care for women at risk for PAD, with each specialty offering silos of educational information. We propose that the AHA form the core of these collaborative efforts between the medical/surgical specialties that care for women at risk for PAD by coordinating online educational resources. In addition, we propose the development of research collaborations to better understand PAD risk factors and treatment within an ethnically and racially diverse population of women. This information will help to better tailor educational efforts and public awareness campaigns.

Currently, we are working on our short-term strategic goals, including:

• Develop a PAD and Women homepage for educational resources aimed at patients and providers, in tandem with inter-society collaborations
• Partner with patient advocacy/awareness groups
• Create an online educational toolkit for providers (focused on trainees in a broad spectrum of specialties and including, graduate medical education for residents/fellows, nurses and nurse practitioners)
• Finalize funding sources
• Formalize the PAD and Women campaign within the AHA’s strategic mission

We will have an update regarding the Working Group’s progress to share with the PVD Council in November. If you are interested in becoming involved in the PAD and Women Working Group, please contact one of the founding members: Amy West Pollak, PhD; Sue Duval, PhD; and Alan T. Hirsch, MD, FAHA; Reena Pande, MD; Luke Brewster, MD, PhD, Sue Dural, PAD, and Alan T. Hirsch, MD.