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## From the President's Desk: November/December 2017

### World Heart Federation

There are two important deadlines coming up:

**January 15, 2018** – Candidates for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Antonio M. Gotto, Jr. Prize in Atherosclerosis Research

**January 31, 2018** – IAS Visiting Fellowship Awards.

The International Atherosclerosis Society is very pleased to announce the **3<sup>rd</sup> Antonio M. Gotto, Jr. Prize in Atherosclerosis Research** which will be presented during the upcoming XVIII International Symposium on Atherosclerosis, June 9-12, 2018 in Toronto, Canada.

The Prize (\$ 20,000) is sponsored by Weill Cornell Medical College and the International Atherosclerosis Society.

The aim of the Gotto Prize is to encourage basic, clinical, and translational research in areas relating to the causes, prevention, and treatment of cardiovascular disease globally. The award recipient will have provided and continues to provide outstanding scientific, medical, or organizational advancement in our ability to understand the causes and to reduce the development of atherosclerosis.

Past winners of this prize have been: Helen H. Hobbs, MD (2012) and M. John Chapman, PhD, DSc. (2015).

We would greatly appreciate your proposals for possible winners. Please send a short letter (no more than one page) in support of your candidate to the Selection Committee for its consideration, to [GottoPrize@athero.org](mailto:GottoPrize@athero.org) by **Monday, January 15, 2018**.

The IAS continues to mentor and support the future key opinion leaders in the field through a number of initiatives, especially support of early- and mid-career clinicians and researchers. The **IAS Visiting Fellowship Awards** are presented each year in an effort to develop skills that will not only impact favourably on the personal career of the winners but will also enhance clinical and research programs in their home country. The deadline to submit your application for 2018 is fast approaching: **January 31, 2018**. Please visit our web site for more complete information ([www.athero.org](http://www.athero.org)) but note that you will need confirmation from the host laboratory as part of your application. This program has been in effect since 1991 and has supported about 90 international scientists working in laboratories around the world, many of whom have gone on to have a major impact on the field.