



President's Message

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As the COVID vaccine becomes more widely available I hope that many of you have been able to receive the vaccine and that it is becoming obtainable in your countries.

As I mentioned last month, IAS had the wonderful experience of working together with our colleagues from the MENA region and specifically from Kuwait on the 1st Kuwait Familial Hypercholesterolemia Symposium-4th Severe FH Masterclass & the IAS-ASPED Pediatric FH Satellite on Feb 19, 20, and 26, 2021. The three days of programming are now available on in the Education Center on the IAS website, www.athero.org. The programs are presented as the three different days of the symposium. I hope you will take advantage of this extremely informative program.

Our residual risk video series, led by Dr. Virgil Brown, will begin to be released the middle of May, beginning with the first three videos in the series. We are incredibly grateful to Dr. Brown and the global faculty who have generously given of their time and expertise to help us produce this important series.

The 19th International Symposium on Atherosclerosis (ISA2021), schedule to be held from October 24 to 27, 2021. The theme for ISA2021 is "Toward Healthy Aging through Atherosclerosis Science". The ISA2021 committee had carefully considered the ways of holding this symposium in response to the global impact of coronavirus (COVID-19). The top priority is the health and safety of the participants and invited faculty. Because of these concerns the ISA2021 committee decided to change the symposium to a hybrid format (onsite and online) to allow participants who are unable to attend on site to participate from across the globe.

IAS will once again present the Antonio M. Gotto, Jr Prize and the Jean-Charles Fruchart Prize, the latter in cooperation with the R³i Foundation. The information about nominations can be found at athero.org and the emails for registration are respectively GottoPrize@athero.org and fruchartprize@athero.org.

Nominations are also being accepted for the 3rd Wael Al-Mahmeed & IAS Research Training Grants and Fellowships for the MENA Region & Africa. More information and the nomination process can be found at www.athero.org.

Hope you all stay healthy,

Raul Santos