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## Looking to Los Angeles: ATA 74th Annual Meeting October 9-13, 2002

The Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles has hosted presidents, royalty, and the Academy Awards, and will be the site of the ATA 74th Annual Meeting, to be held October 9 to 13.

The four-star hotel, located in the heart of downtown Los Angeles, was designed by the same architectural firm that designed the Waldorf-Astoria in New York. It is a classic design in a Spanish Italian Renaissance style, with "cathedral-like" hand-painted ceilings. The hotel has "starred" in hundreds of movies, from the classic "Vertigo" to "Beverly Hills Cop." Although the movie "Cocoon" featured the hotel's indoor swimming pool, we will not attest to any life-prolonging properties of the water. The size and proximity of the meeting rooms should allow easy movement to the

various parts of the program. The hotel is within walking distance of shopping, top restaurants, Little Tokyo, the Music Center, and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

The local organizing committee has planned a range of activities, including day trips for accompanying persons to Beverly Hills and the newly built Getty Museum, and a major evening event at Universal Studios.

Make your plans early to attend, to enjoy a great scientific and social program in an inspiring setting. In the next installment, you will learn something that will surprise you about Los Angeles, and it is only a few steps from the hotel.

*See you in LA!*

— Greg Brent  
Co-Chair, Program  
Chair, Local Arrangements

More about the 74th Annual Meeting on pages 2-4

## ATA Leadership in Potassium Iodide Stockpiling

In the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the discovery of U.S. nuclear power plant diagrams in Al Qaeda caves in Afghanistan, the world has started knocking on ATA's door to learn more about potassium iodide (KI). ATA has been advocating KI stockpiling since 1984, even before the Chernobyl (the new name for "Chernobyl") accident

proved KI's safety on a large scale. Under the recent and current leadership of Arthur Schneider, Ken Burman, and Vic Bernet, the ATA Public Health Committee and interested others have taken a leadership role in the KI debate. The questions have been progressing from "does KI work?" to "how and how far should KI be distributed? who should take it? how

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## ATA Council Approves Competitive Elections for President and Directors

Starting this summer, ATA members will choose their new President-Elect and Directors by secret ballot in a competitive election. Two candidates will run for each post.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



When I assumed the ATA Presidency last November 9, we were in the midst of an annual meeting that had been

postponed because of the September 11 terrorist attacks. Still, it was easy to see that nothing had interfered with the

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## 74th ATA Annual Meeting · Los Angeles, California · October 9 - 13, 2002

On-line meeting registration: [www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org)

### Deadlines:

Early bird registration: August 20

Discount registration: September 9

Pre-registration: September 30

Registrations received after September 30 will be processed on-site at the meeting

**Deadline for short call abstract submission:** September 4

### Headquarters hotel:

Millennium Biltmore Hotel

506 South Grand Avenue

Los Angeles, California 90071

Reservations: 866 866-8086 or direct 213 624-1011

Deadline for special hotel room rates: September 20

Mention the ATA when making your reservations; rooms at the special rate are given first come, first served



### Questions?

Contact ATA headquarters:

phone 703 998-8890

fax 703 998-8893

e-mail [admin@thyroid.org](mailto:admin@thyroid.org)



CME: This is a program provided by VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System, a CMA accredited sponsor. Physicians attending this course may report up to 35 hours of Category 1 credit toward the CMA Certificate in Continuing Medical Education and AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

### USC Thyroid Research Group Endows "Meet the Professor" Workshops for Fellows

The University of Southern California Thyroid Research Group has made a leadership gift of \$40,000 to endow Fellows' attendance at "Meet the Professor" workshops at the ATA annual meeting. The revenue from this endowment will be used to cover part of the cost of Fellows taking part in the workshops.

Representing the Thyroid Research Group, ATA President

Carole Spencer hopes "that this gift will spur other members to make matching endowments that will eventually lead to full funding of Fellows attending these very important educational sessions."

ATA thanks the donors for both the generosity and the creativity of their gift.

### Thyroid Patient Conferences to Be Held in Conjunction with the ATA 74th Annual Meeting

The National Graves' Disease Foundation (NGDF) and ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association will hold conferences on October 11-13 in Los Angeles, during the ATA 74th Annual Meeting and within walking distance of ATA's headquarters hotel. The NGDF and ThyCa conferences offer education and support for patients and families. Many ATA members will speak at the meetings.

If you and your patients would like to know more:

Bridge to Wellness X: 10th National Graves' Disease Foundation Patient and Family Conference

Wyndham Checkers Hotel, Los Angeles

contact: Carole Johnson

phone 510 724-3726, fax 510 964-1767

e-mail: [carolej@inreach.com](mailto:carolej@inreach.com)

web: [www.ngdf.org/conf2002.htm](http://www.ngdf.org/conf2002.htm)

ThyCa 2002: 5th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Conference

Los Angeles Athletic Club

contact: Megan Stendebach

phone 877 588-7904, fax 503 905-9725

e-mail: [conference@thyca.org](mailto:conference@thyca.org) web: [www.thyca.org](http://www.thyca.org)

Another resource for patients and families during the Los Angeles meeting will be a patient forum coordinated by the Thyroid Foundation of America. Details will be posted to the ATA web site.



# American Thyroid Association 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**REGISTRATION FORM** Deadline for advance registration: September 30, 2002

Millennium Biltmore Hotel □ Los Angeles, California □ October 9-13, 2002

All requested information must be provided to process registration.

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Professional degree(s) (please list one): \_\_\_\_\_  
a. MD    b. PhD    c. MD, PhD    d. RN    e. Other

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ If outside the U.S., country/city code: \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Fax

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

1. I consider myself primarily (please list one): \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Clinician    b. Educator    c. Scientist    d. Other

2. My work is best described as (please list one): \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Adult endocrinology    c. Pediatric endocrinology    e. Other  
b. Basic science    d. Internal medicine

3. My place of work is (please list one): \_\_\_\_\_  
a. Academic    d. Hospital    g. Managed care  
b. Private practice    e. Government/military  
c. Administration    f. Corporate/industry

4. Registration fees (please circle applicable fees):

	Early Bird (postmarked by August 20)	Discounted (postmarked between Aug. 21 and Sept. 30)	Full Fee (postmarked after September 30)
(M) ATA member	\$325	\$375	\$425
(N) Non-member	\$525	\$575	\$625
(A) ATA Assoc./fellow/student	\$125	\$125	\$150
One-day fee	\$125	\$150	\$175
Which day? □ Thursday □ Friday □ Saturday □ Sunday			
(W) Weekend fee (Sat. & Sun.)	\$175	\$200	\$250
(G) Spouse/guest	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90

Spouse/guest name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Guest registration includes entrance to the exposition and complimentary social events. Guests are not eligible to receive continuing medical education credit.)

5. Special needs. Please indicate special needs on a separate sheet and mail to: ATA Meetings, 6066 Leesburg Pike, Suite 650, Falls Church, VA 22041 or e-mail: rmckee@thyroid.org.

6. In case of emergency, please contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime phone Evening phone

## 7. Meet the Professor Luncheon Workshops

Thursday, October 10, Noon – 1:30 pm (please circle one):

- Complications of Radioactive Therapy in Cancer: Focus on the Salivary Glands Susan J. Mandel and Louis Mandel.....\$27
- Thyroid Hormone and Bone Graham R. Williams.....\$27
- Influence of Environmental Agents on Thyroid Function and Brain Development in Pregnancy R. Thomas Zoeller and Joanne Rovet.....\$27
- Medical and Surgical Approaches to Unusual Types of Thyroid Cancer Fumio Matsuzuka and Shuji Fukata.....\$27
- Effective Grant Preparation and Academic Career Development Syed Amir and Ronald Koenig.....\$27
- Strategies to Develop Novel Treatment for Patients with Advanced Thyroid Cancer Sissy Jhiang and Richard Kloos.....\$27

Saturday, October 12, Noon – 1:30 pm (please circle one):

- Changing Dietary Iodine Intake: Implications for Thyroid Function and Iodine Scanning Stephanie Lee.....\$27
- Thyroid Disease in the Elderly Mary Samuels.....\$27
- Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia I: Pathogenesis and Approach to Clinical Management Mark Sawicki.....\$27
- Clinical Thyroidology: Practical Issues in Office-Based Practice Elliot Levy.....\$27
- Application of Molecular Techniques to Understanding Tumor Development and Growth Bryan McIver and William M. Wood.....\$27
- Thyroid Hormone and Hair Growth Joshua Safer.....\$27

## 8. Special events (please circle events that you plan to attend):

- (REC) Welcome reception Wednesday, October 9 6–8 pm..... No charge
- (UST) Universal Studios Thursday, October 10 7–11 pm.....\$25
- (LUN) Poster lunch Friday, October 11 Noon–1:30 pm..... No charge
- (BAN) ATA annual reception & banquet Saturday, October 12 7:30–11 pm.....\$75

## 9. Total fees

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attendee registration fee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/guest fee
- \_\_\_\_\_ October 10, 2002 Meet the Professor Workshop
- \_\_\_\_\_ October 12, 2002 Meet the Professor Workshop
- \_\_\_\_\_ Special events for attendee and spouse/guests
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets for Universal Studios
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tickets for Banquet
- \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to Young Investigators' Travel Fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

## 10. Submission and payment

Make checks and money orders for registration payable to the **American Thyroid Association** in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. bank.  
□ MasterCard □ VISA

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Print cardholder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTER ON-LINE** at the secure ATA web site [www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org).

**FAX** your completed form with credit card payment (no checks or money orders) to 770 888-2895. To prevent duplicate charges, IF FAXING, DO NOT ALSO MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATION.

**MAIL** your completed registration form with payment to: ATA Registration, c/o QMS, 6840 Meadowridge Court, Alpharetta, GA 30005. Phone 770 888-2883.

Please keep a photocopy of both sides of this form.

**Refund policy: Refund requests must be submitted in writing. Requests postmarked before September 9, 2002 will receive a registration refund less a 25% processing fee. Requests postmarked between September 9, 2002 and September 30, 2002 will receive a registration refund less a 50% processing fee. No refunds will be made if postmarked after September 30, 2002. Refunds will be processed 30 days after the meeting ends.**

**Meeting at a Glance**  
 74th Annual Meeting of the American Thyroid Association  
 Millennium Baltimore Hotel  
 Los Angeles, California  
 October 9- 13, 2002

Time	Wednesday 10/09/2002	Thursday 10/10/2002	Friday 10/11/2002	Saturday 10/12/2002	Sunday 10/13/2002
6:00		Abbott Early Riser Symposium 6:00 - 7:45	Genzyme Early Riser Symposium 6:00 - 7:45	Monarch Early Riser Symposium 6:00 - 7:45	Abbott Early Riser Symposium 6:00 - 7:45
7:00	Endocrine Fellows Conference 7:00-5:00				
7:30					
8:00	ATA Council meeting 8:00 - 12:00	Welcome 8:00 - 8:15 Keynote Clinical Address 8:15 - 9:00 Plenary: 4 oral abstracts 9:00 - 10:00	Van Meter Award Lecture 8:00 - 8:45 Plenary: 5 short call abstracts 8:45 - 10:00	Paul Starr Lecture 8:00 - 8:45 Arthur Bauman Symposium 8:45 - 10:15	2 simultaneous symposia 8:00 - 9:30: Autoimmunity Thyroid Hormone/ Thromogenesis/ Metabolism
9:00					
9:30					
10:00					
10:15					
10:30					
10:45					
11:00					
12:00	ATA Committees: lunch & meetings 12:00 - 2:30 Committee reports to Council 2:30-5:30	Meet the Professor Luncheons 12:00 - 1:30: Mandel/Mandel Graham Williams Zoeller/Rovet Matsuzuka/Fukata Amrik/Koenig Jhaling/Kloos	Exhibits, poster review, lunch 12:00 - 1:30 International Coordinating Committee Lunch LATA, AOTA, ETA, ATA 12:30 - 1:30	Meet the Professor Luncheons 12:00 - 1:30: Stephanie Lee Mary Samuels Mark Sawicki Elliot Levy McIver/Wood Joshua Safer	74th Annual Meeting ends at noon
12:30					
1:00					
1:30					
2:00	Registration opens 2:00 - 6:00	Exhibit hall closes at 2:00 2 simultaneous oral abstract sessions 2:00 - 3:30: Manifestations of Graves' Disease: Cause and Treatment	Exhibits, poster review, coffee 1:30 - 2:30 2 simultaneous oral abstract sessions 2:00 - 3:30: Clinical oral abstracts	2 simultaneous sessions 10:45 - 12:00: Thyroid Hormone Metabolism: Bench to Bedside Transcription Factors	Coffee 10:30 - 11:00 2 simultaneous sessions 11:00 - 12:00: Clinical oral abstracts
2:30					
3:00	Exhibits open	2 simultaneous oral abstract sessions 2:30 - 3:30: Basic oral abstracts	2 simultaneous sessions 3:30 - 5:00: Clinical oral abstracts	Interface of the Clinician and the Lab Posters and coffee 3:00 - 3:30	
3:30	Welcome and registration	2 simultaneous oral abstract sessions 3:30 - 5:00: Thyroid Cancer: Novel Therapies	2 simultaneous sessions 3:30 - 5:00: Basic oral abstracts	2 simultaneous sessions 3:30 - 4:30: Thyroid Grand Rounds "Poster Plus" review: 6 sessions -- 6 presentations each	
4:30					
5:00		Exhibits and refreshments 5:00 - 5:30 Exhibit hall and registration close at 5:30	Inghbar Lecture 5:00 - 5:45 Historical Vignette 5:45 - 6:00	ATA Annual Business Meeting (ATA members only) 4:30 - 6:00	
5:30					
5:45					
6:00	Welcome reception 6:00 - 8:00	ATA social event at Universal Studios (buses leave 6:30)	Posters and wine tasting 6:00 - 7:00		
6:30					
7:00			Major donor reception 7:00 - 8:00 (by invitation)		
7:30			Free evening		
					ATA Annual Reception and Banquet 7:30 - 11:00 (admission by ticket only)



## President's Message

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enthusiastic spirit of those at the meeting, and the excellence of the presentations quickly reassured us that it was right for us to hold the meeting and continue our work. Congratulations and thanks to all of you who took part in the meeting and those who worked so hard to make it happen. Congratulations to our Immediate Past President, Bill Chin, who steered the ATA smoothly through a longer presidency than he had expected, but with fine leadership and good grace throughout.

The major focus of my presidency, as it has been for much of my professional life over the past few years, is the laboratory-clinical interface, which I hope will be strengthened by the publication of the new NACB consensus guidelines *Laboratory Medicine Practice Guidelines: Laboratory Support for the Diagnosis and Monitoring of Thyroid Disease*. The massive monograph is now nearly complete (see separate article).

Another focus of my presidency is the strengthening of ATA committees, which are at the core of the Association's work. Through in-person meetings, phone conferences, and voluminous e-mails, the committees have gotten off to a strong start this year. I have had the pleasure of taking part in many of these exchanges, and have been repeatedly impressed by

the members' commitment and dedication.

Another of my goals is to increase ATA's membership. We have begun reaching out to endocrine fellows, women thyroidologists, and CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY subscribers, explaining the benefits of ATA membership and encouraging people to learn more about the Association and to consider joining. With Council's approval, we are now offering fellows a special incentive: a free first year as associate members. But no matter what we offer, the best recruiters of new members are current members. Please talk with your young colleagues—especially women—about the value of ATA membership, sponsor them for membership, and offer to mentor them during their first years as members.

In October, my fellow Los Angelenos and I look forward to welcoming you to Los Angeles for the 74th Annual Meeting. We promise you a valuable professional and personal experience.

With best regards,



CAROLE A. SPENCER,  
PhD, FACB

## Jeff Garber, New SIGNAL Editor



Jeff Garber has been named the new Editor of the SIGNAL, beginning with this issue. He takes over from Peter

Singer, a hard act to follow, who is now absorbed with his responsibilities as ATA President Elect.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Jeff did his undergraduate work at Cornell and earned his M.D. at the State University of New York, Stony Brook. After house staff training and a year as resident supervisor at USC Medical Center in Los Angeles, he completed a research fellowship in endocrinology at Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School. He joined the Harvard faculty in 1980.

He is now Chief of Endocrinology at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates, with appointments at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Brigham and Women's Hospitals. He is the recipient of Harvard Community Health Plan Foundation Peer Recognition Awards, the Robert H. Ebert Teacher of the Year Award, and the Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates Staff Achievement Award.

Jeff has been an active ATA member since he joined in 1991. He has served on the Finance and Audit Committee and the Publications Committee, chaired the By-laws Committee, and, since 2000, been a Director on the Executive Council. He also serves on the Thyroid Foundation of America's Medical Advisory Council, is a New England Region AACE chairman, and has been a member of the AACE Board of Directors since 1999.

Of his new role, Jeff says, "I look forward to seeing the SIGNAL become a vehicle for promoting membership participation in ATA activities, expediting the work of the ATA Executive Council and committees, and helping ATA fulfill its mission."

## Final NACB Thyroid Testing Guidelines

The National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry monograph *Laboratory Medicine Practice Guidelines: Laboratory Support for the Diagnosis and Monitoring of Thyroid Disease* is nearly complete.

Starting soon, the final monograph will be displayed on the NACB web site ([www.nacb.org](http://www.nacb.org)), with a link from the ATA site ([www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org)). The monograph will be downloadable, to facilitate use of the figures for slides. Eventually, the monograph will be translated into a number of languages.

In addition to the on-line version, ATA members will receive a printed monograph, courtesy of Abbott Laboratories.

When indexed, the monograph will give the worldwide thyroid community a valuable resource on the strengths and weaknesses of current thyroid tests. Since the monograph is so com-

prehensive, we plan to print laminated cards with guidelines of special interest to different physician and laboratory groups. For example, the guideline on L-T4 replacement therapy for primary hypothyroidism could go to endocrinologists, family physicians, and many other professional groups. Guidelines on thyroid disease and pregnancy would naturally hold particular interest for the ob-gyn community.

The monograph focuses on the physician-laboratory interface, which is often weak, or, according to some physicians, nonexistent. We hope that the guidelines will empower physicians to communicate and collaborate with their local laboratory to resolve problematic or discordant test results. One recommendation is that each laboratory be prepared to send questionable specimens for rechecking by another laboratory that uses a

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## Potassium Iodide Stockpiling

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should it be taken? how should professionals and the public be taught to use it? how should the system be administered? how does KI fit into an overall emergency response plan that includes evacuation, sheltering, and avoiding contaminated food and water? how should people be followed up after KI treatment?" ATA members cannot answer all these questions, but we have expertise in many of the issues.

**NRC policy:** In January 2001, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) changed a long-held policy and required the states to consider stockpiling KI pills for populations living within the 10-mile emergency planning zones around nuclear power plants. In December 2001, the NRC sent letters to the 34 states that either have active nuclear plants or are within 10 miles of another state's plant, offering two free KI pills for each person living within the 10-mile emergency planning zone. ATA has been encouraging states to accept the NRC offer. As of May 30, the states already planning to stockpile were AL, AZ, CT, DE, FL, MA, MD, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, and VT.

**Radius of distribution:** ATA's endorsement of KI stockpiling recommends that KI be distributed to people living within a 200-mile radius around a nuclear plant. We suggest "predistributing" pills to households within 50 miles of a plant, stockpiling at public buildings from 50 to 200 miles, and using pills from the Department of Health and Human Services' National Pharmaceutical Stockpile beyond 200 miles. Our endorsement is supported by the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society, and the Thyroid Foundation of America. Because the current NRC offer covers populations only to a distance of 10 miles, we have been actively supporting Congressional legislation that would extend the radius.

**Congressional action:** Since last fall, ATA has been consulting closely with several members of Congress and their

staffs on KI stockpiling legislation. ATA has formally endorsed two bills; our endorsement letters were sent to every member of the House. Lewis Braverman, Thomas Foley, and Arthur Schneider have spoken at pro-KI Congressional press conferences. In March, then-AACE President Rhoda Cobin invited Lester Van Middlesworth and Edie Stern to speak on behalf of KI during AACE's annual Congressional visitation; the ATA representatives visited the offices of 12 Representatives and Senators. Through these visits and our regular contacts with Congressional staffs, we pushed for the 20-mile radius that was just enacted as part of the antiterrorism bill and will be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services.

**FDA dosing guidelines:** Jacob Robbins, Jan Wolff and David Becker advise the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on KI policy. In November 2001, the FDA issued an ATA-endorsed guidance on KI dosing. The FDA's different dosing schemes for older adults, younger adults, pregnant women, teenagers, young children, babies, and newborns have proven difficult for some emergency planners to adopt. In recent weeks, the FDA has loosened its recommendations, saying that essentially everyone except newborns can safely take a full-dose 130 mg pill for the one or two days that they would be expected to need KI. The FDA is also working on expedited approval of a 65-mg KI pill and updated package labeling.

**Consultation with state governments and others:** ATA has offered help to health officials in states that are considering stockpiling KI, as well as to those that have accepted the NRC offer and begun their own programs. David Becker, Jacob Robbins, Jan Wolff, and Ken Burman have been providing regular consultation on KI questions.

**Collaboration with other societies:** In addition to working closely with AACE on our KI effort, ATA has been informing other societies of its support for KI and encouraging them to endorse our

statements and inform their members about the need for KI stockpiling. Because preventing thyroid cancer after radioactive iodine exposure is primarily a pediatric problem, Rosalind Brown and Thomas Foley have been developing pediatric KI policy and encouraging pediatric societies to educate their members about KI and support ATA's KI statements.

**Publications:** Last winter, ATA's KI experts were swamped with media inquiries. Over a two-week period, David Becker lost count at 18 interviews. Arthur Schneider, David Becker, and Jacob Robbins published a guest editorial, "Protecting the Thyroid from Accidental or Terrorist-Instigated 131I Releases," in the April 2002 issue of *THYROID*. We have added a KI section to the ATA web site, including our endorsement statement, Q&A, and web links. We hope to add materials that will help states develop educational materials for professionals and the public on KI distribution and use.

**Upcoming KI symposia:**

- On October 11 at the ATA annual meeting in Los Angeles, David Becker will moderate a symposium on "Use of KI to Protect the Thyroid in the Event of a Nuclear Incident." Speakers Lew Braverman, Mike Tuttle, and the NCI's Elaine Ron will be joined in a panel discussion by Jacob Robbins and Arthur Schneider.
- ATA is planning a full-day KI symposium on February 28, 2003 (see separate article). Look for updates on the ATA web site and in the next *SIGNAL*.

**For more information:** Check the KI section of the ATA web site ([www.thyroid.org/publications/statements/ki/index.html](http://www.thyroid.org/publications/statements/ki/index.html)). If you'd like to help, contact any of the KI interest group members mentioned above or Edie Stern ([estern@thyroid.org](mailto:estern@thyroid.org) or 410 366-7292).

**Got a new e-mail address?**

Need to find out how to contact an ATA colleague? The fastest way to give and get member information is via the ATA web site.

Just follow the easy instructions on the new Members' Services section at [www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org).

**2002**

74th ATA Annual Meeting  
74th Annual Academy Awards  
**More than coincidence?**

## Save the date

### Public Health Strategies for Protecting the Thyroid with Potassium Iodide in the Event of Nuclear Incident

A symposium sponsored by ATA and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Friday, February 28, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill  
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001

Planning committee: Lewis Braverman, John Morris, David Becker

Tentative topics:

- Thyroid physiology and iodine metabolism: biochemistry, effect of excess stable iodine on thyroid function
- Consequences of radiation on the thyroid: Chernobyl review, oncogenesis, sources of radiation
- KI distribution issues in the U.S. and Europe
- Legislative and policy issues
- Professional and public education on use of KI

Details to follow by mail, on the ATA web site, and in future issues of the SIGNAL. For information: Edie Stern, [estern@thyroid.org](mailto:estern@thyroid.org) or 410 366-7292.

### Final NACB Thyroid Testing Guidelines

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different manufacturer's method. Typically, demonstrated discordance between the test results reported by different methods reveals technical problems that can then be corrected.

The NACB thyroid monograph has been developed as a consensus document by widespread contribu-

tions and review by over 100 thyroid experts worldwide. The enthusiastic acceptance of the monograph's guidelines ensures that they will become an important reference for the practical aspects of thyroid testing.

— Carole A. Spencer, PhD  
ATA President  
Monograph Co-Editor

### ATA Council Approves Competitive Elections

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This change is in accordance with a Strategic Plan goal to make the selection of ATA officers more representative and inclusive. At the 2001 Business Meeting in Washington, DC, the membership directed the Nominating Committee to develop a plan for competitive elections for President-Elect and Directors. However, the ATA Council decided that for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, the Nominating Committee should still propose only one nominee each.

This year, the ATA membership gave the Nominating Committee an abundance of

excellent nominees. The Committee evaluated 19 candidates for President, 10 for Secretary, 8 for Treasurer, and 35 for Directors. Council will approve the final slate in June, and ballots will be sent to members in August. The election results will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting on October 12 in Los Angeles.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for its excellent work in revamping the election process.

— Chip Ridgway and  
Paul Ladenson

*Message from Immediate Past President William W. Chin*



### Seize the Future

A year is hardly enough time. However, I thank the members of the American Thyroid Association for giving me this brief opportunity to serve as President of the organization that I have known for over 25 years and that has provided me much friendship and collegiality through that time. This past year has been a most challenging one—for our Association and for our nation. But we have survived...and more.

The year was filled with major changes and bold proposals for the renewal of well-established goals and formulation of new directions for our Association. We prepared a map for our future—a strategic plan entitled "Toward a new century of discovery and care," with a VISION—*The ATA provides outstanding leadership in the thyroid field by promoting excellence and innovation in clinical care, research, education and public advocacy*; and a MISSION—*The ATA will be the leading organization focused on the biology and disorders of the thyroid gland*. We articulated overall directions, which include: research and educational excellence, clinical excellence and relevance, expansion of collaborations, membership growth, patient and policy leadership, and resource enhancement.

During this past year, under the most able stewardship of our Secretary, Paul Ladenson; Treasurer, David Cooper; and Executive Director, Bobbi Smith, we have begun to achieve our goals. As one manifestation of progress, we grew our external focus: an improved web site, more interactions with our sister en-

doctrin societies, and augmented communications with our members, patients, physicians, and the public. These changes included the establishment of a Public Affairs effort, directed by Edie Stern, and the publication of CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY, edited by Bob Utiger. In another avenue, we upgraded our administrative capabilities with the addition of Bobbi and her able staff. Finally, good progress was made in our Campaign for Thyroid Research, headed by Pepper Davis.

While I am personally excited about the achievements of the past year, we still have much to do. Implementation and evolution of the strategic plan must continue. The marvelous, resolute spirit that we saw with the eagerness and dedication to stage a 2001 annual meeting in November, after its cancellation in September in the immediate aftermath of 9/11, is just one example that gives me great confidence that there is little that we cannot do. I ask that you continue to commit to the strategic plan efforts in the spirit of my "call to action."

In closing, I wish to thank Paul, David, Bobbi, Edie, the rest of the ATA staff, and the chairs and members of the ATA committees for their tremendous and often heroic efforts this year. Indeed, a year is not enough time. So our further development and growth depend on many sound handoffs. I am pleased to pass the baton to our President, Carole Spencer, and President Elect, Peter Singer, who are committed to maintaining the momentum that we have gained. Let us seize the future!

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Some quiet but important things have been happening within the ATA over the six months since our historic annual meeting in Washington, DC. First, our Executive Director, Bobbi Smith, has completed recruitment of a talented and committed staff. To our good fortune, Theresa Ronk joined ATA after building an extensive background in association management. Theresa devotes herself to our finances and member services, including the logistics of the annual meeting.

Roslyn McKee, who previously worked with Bobbi in the nonprofit sector, is injecting energy and great ideas into our Campaign for Thyroid Discovery, as well as working in member services and meeting planning. If you've called or e-mailed the office lately, you already know the difference. Bobbi has also directed the enhancement of our web site, [www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org), which daily generates greater interest and feedback from the public, press, and our members. As a member, you now benefit from a password-protected "Members Only" section where you can access our up-to-the-minute member directory for contacting collaborators, referring patients, and keeping in touch with other members.

Second, your Public Health Committee, under Ken Burman and Vic Bernet's direction, has worked hard, fast, and ef-

fectively to ensure that ATA has led the way for the nation's endocrine and medical communities on the timely issue of using potassium iodide to prevent radioiodine-related injury after a nuclear incident. With support from Edie Stern, our able and devoted Director of Public Affairs, the press, Congress, and public health authorities now know that ATA is the source of expertise on this issue. Council has directed the Public Health Committee and staff to convene a one-day Washington conference on February 28, 2003 to update public health authorities, Congressional staff, the military, physicians, and the public about the risks and prevention of radioiodine-related injury (see separate article). Lew Braverman, John Morris and David Becker are planning the program.

Third, ATA has been collaborating more effectively than ever with others to advance our missions:

- Your Secretary and Executive Director attended a meeting of the Sister Endocrine Societies—including the Endocrine Society, AACE, Lawson Wilkins, and ten others—to define issues on which we should take conjoint action. The potential threat that reorganization of NIH Study Sections represents for endocrine clinical research was immediately identified as a common concern. The group has contacted relevant authorities to be certain that our unified voice is heard.

- Alan Farwell and David Cooper are

spearheading an ATA initiative to strengthen ties with patient education groups by forming the Council of Thyroid Societies, which will establish standards for performance and public responsibility.

- After hearing the disappointing news of the Houston-based Thyroid Society's demise, ATA has worked with their founder, Shelly Rubinfeld, and board of directors to assume responsibility for the 1-800-THYROID toll-free number and temporarily redirect traffic from their web site, which is prominently recognized by the major Internet search engines.

- In many of our activities, we rely on partnerships with industry. Our annual meeting, Campaign for Thyroid Discovery, publications, and web site are all supported by unrestricted grants from multiple sponsors in the pharmaceutical and laboratory industries.

We are a small society, but our influence and impact continue to grow—often through cooperation with others. I hope that all ATA members will find the occasion to express their gratitude and respect for our collaborators in other professional societies, patient associations, and industry. Dream about new ways that we can collaborate with them even more effectively. Without them, the ATA would be a *vox clamantis in deserto*.

PAUL LADENSON, MD

### ATA Meeting Highlights

#### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING Washington, DC - November 7, 2001

President Bill Chin emphasized the importance of holding the ATA annual meeting following postponement because of the September 11 terrorist attacks. He thanked the ATA secretary and staff for rescheduling the meeting.

**Elections:** Council considered the Nominating Committee's proposal of competitive elections for ATA leaders, and instructed the Nominating and Bylaws Committees to develop a plan for competitive elections for president and directors, beginning in 2002. Council preferred that the secretary and treasurer continue being chosen noncompetitively, and delayed considering whether to shorten the secretary and treasurer's terms from 5 to 3 years.

**Program Committee:** Council asserted the need for tighter ATA control of the CMES

(Early Riser) sessions at the annual meeting, to ensure their balance and coordination with the regular meeting program.

#### Collaborations:

- Bill Chin reported that ATA has been working with the "sister societies" to ensure adequate representation by thyroidologists in NIH study sections after the re-organization of Institutional Review Boards.

- Treasurer David Cooper reported on plans for an ATA-supported consensus conference on subclinical thyroid disease.

**Publications:** The publisher of THYROID, Mary Ann Liebert, Inc., will make the journal available on-line beginning in 2002. David Cooper arranged for on-line access to be free to members in 2002 and covered by a nominal surcharge in 2003.

**Public Health:** Council approved two Public Health Committee statements for the web site: "ATA Endorses Potassium Iodide

for Radiation Emergencies" and "Fact Sheet: How the FDA's Ruling on Thyroxine Products Affects Patients and Physicians." The Committee and Public Affairs Director Edie Stern were charged with preparing ATA for a nuclear reactor emergency by preparing statements, arranging emergency contacts, and devising an action plan.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Washington, DC - November 9, 2001

President Bill Chin commended Secretary Paul Ladenson, Executive Director Bobbi Smith, and Annual Meeting Program Chairs Wolfgang Dillmann and Michael Kaplan for reorganizing the annual meeting after September 11th.

ATA's Strategic Plan was distributed to attendees and discussed by Bill Chin. He stressed participation in ATA by young people, better NIH Endocrine Study Section representation by thyroidologists, addressing of clinical practice issues, and



## 73rd Annual Meeting: Worth the Wait

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the 73rd Annual Meeting was how unremarkable it seemed. After the high drama that forced postponement of the originally scheduled September 13 meeting and left would-be attendees stranded in Washington or part-way there, the November meeting was notable less for the re-counting of September travel tales than for ATA's traditional blend of collegiality and excellent science. People spoke about how important it was that the meeting be held, many commented on the good balance between clinical and basic science coverage, and many said that this was the best ATA meeting that they had ever attended.

About 475 people from 22 countries were able to attend the rescheduled meeting—about two-thirds of those registered for the September meeting. Almost all of the original speakers were able to attend. Roughly half of the posters were presented. The meeting was squeezed into 3 days rather than the original 3.5.

Reorganizing the meeting within 8 weeks was a massive undertaking. Congratulations and appreciation to Program Committee Chairs Wolfgang Dillmann and Michael Kaplan and to Local Arrangements Chair Len Wartofsky and his committee for completely re-vamping the complex scientific and social programs. Thanks to then-President Bill Chin, Secretary Paul Ladenson, Treasurer David Cooper, and Executive Director Bobbi Smith and her staff for the decision to

reschedule the meeting and for making it all happen.

Anthony Toft from the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Scotland, gave the Keynote Clinical Address, "Treatment of Hypothyroidism: What Is Optimal?" Dr. Toft had made it only as far as Halifax, Nova Scotia when he first set out to give this talk on September 11. The extra rehearsal time only added polish to his performance.

The 2001 award recipients, Dale Abel, Boris Catz, Valerie Ann Galton, and Colum Gorman, are profiled in a separate article.

If you want audiotapes of any of the annual meeting sessions, you can order them on the ATA web site at [www.thyroid.org/ann\\_mtg/2001\\_73rd/cassettes.pdf](http://www.thyroid.org/ann_mtg/2001_73rd/cassettes.pdf).

Abbott Laboratories' Night of Appreciation took attendees to the National Museum of American History for a buffet dinner and an after-hours opportunity to enjoy the exhibits. The Van Middlesworth family was thrilled by one display in particular: Dr. Van's original data on radioactive fallout.

ATA thanks those who donated meeting fees to the Campaign for Thyroid Discovery and who contributed to the Young Investigators' Travel Fund (see separate articles).

Most of all, thanks to the presenters, attendees, and exhibitors who came to Washington for the November meeting. To those who were not able to attend, we look forward to seeing you in October in Los Angeles.

### "Support a Fellow in Training" for Travel to the Annual Meeting

Young investigators who are lead authors on regular abstract submissions for ATA annual meetings can apply for awards to help defray their travel expenses. The Program Committee chooses awardees based on the overall quality of their abstract, oral vs. poster presentation, and available travel funds. You can contribute to the Young Investigators Travel Fund by including a donation in your annual meeting registration payment or by sending a donation to the ATA office.

#### ATA thanks these recent donors to the fund:

Harvey Cohen	Helmut Huber	Yolanda Oertel
Robert B. Doll, Jr.	Peter Kopp	James Reynolds
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### Special appreciation to those who supported the 73rd Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in November 2001:

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### ATA thanks those who donated their September 2001 meeting fees to the Campaign for Thyroid Discovery

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## 2001 ATA Awardees

The 2001 ATA awards were presented during the 73rd Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. It is notable that all four awardees grew up in other countries and first came to the U.S. to continue their medical and scientific training.



**E. Dale Abel, MB, BS, DPhil**  
**Van Meter Award**

Dale Abel earned his medical degree from the University of the West Indies in Jamaica, the first student in the school's history to graduate with distinction. A Rhodes Scholarship took him to Oxford University for a DPhil. After an internal medicine residency and chief residency at Northwestern University, he went to Harvard for a fellowship in endocrinology and metabolism at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. While a faculty member in the Thyroid Unit at Beth Israel Deaconess, then headed by Frederic Wondisford, Dr. Abel developed animal models with altered expression of thyroid hormone receptors and with thyroid hormone resistance. He has been using these models to study regulation of the hypothalamic-pituitary-thyroid axis in health and disease, and he described some of his work in his Van Meter Award Lecture, "Role of TR Isoforms in the Regulation of the Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Thyroid Axis." In 2000, Dr. Abel joined the faculty at the University of Utah School of Medicine, where he is assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Diabetes, and an Investigator in the Program in Human Molecular Biology and Genetics.

*Established in 1930, the Van Meter is awarded to an investigator younger than age 41 for outstanding contributions to research on the thyroid gland or related subjects. The award is supported by an educational grant from Quest Diagnostics' Nichols Institute. The award recipient is announced at the annual meeting.*



**Boris Catz, MD**  
**ATA Distinguished Service Award**

Boris Catz was born in Russia in 1923, the same year that ATA was founded. He earned his BS and MD at the National University of Mexico, and stayed in Mexico for postgraduate training and a faculty appointment. He came to the US

in 1948 for postgraduate training at the University of Southern California, and there he completed a research fellowship and an MS in medicine. Except for a two-year stint in the Army, Dr. Catz has served on the USC faculty since 1952 and has been a clinical professor of medicine since 1983. He has been senior consultant to the Thyroid Clinic at USC Los Angeles Medical Center since 1970. He also served as chief of the Thyroid Clinic at Los Angeles County General Hospital and clinical chief of endocrinology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He authored two editions of the book *Thyroid Case Studies*. He is known for his pioneering work in the treatment of myxedema coma and exophthalmos. While his loyalty and generosity to ATA are exemplary—a member since 1954, he is a major donor to the Campaign for Thyroid Discovery and he funds part of the Paul Starr Award—he has been a member and officer of countless other medical societies. Somehow he also finds time for a private practice in Beverly Hills.

*The ATA Distinguished Service Award recognizes a member who has made important and continuing contributions to the ATA.*



**Valerie Anne Galton, PhD**  
**Sidney H. Ingbar Distinguished Lectureship**

Valerie Anne Galton was born in Lincolnshire, England, and earned her BSc in physiology and her PhD in biochemistry from the University of London. She did her doctoral research at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), Mill Hill, London, with Rosalind Pitt-Rivers as her mentor. She first met Sidney Ingbar when he was on sabbatical at the NIMR and they spent many hours discussing thyroid hormone metabolism research. Dr. Ingbar invited her to work for a year with him at the Thorndike Memorial Laboratory at Harvard. That very productive year grew into more than two. Dr. Galton then joined the faculty at Dartmouth Medical School, where she has been professor of physiology since 1975. Dr. Ingbar collaborated with her again during her sabbatical year in Mexico City, where she studied thyroid function in women with hydatidiform mole. In her almost non-existent spare time, Dr. Galton runs a small horse farm and a big perennial garden, and enjoys horseback riding, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Her Sidney H.

Ingbar Distinguished Lecture concerned "Metabolizing Thyroid Hormone: Where, When, and Why?"

*The Sidney H. Ingbar Distinguished Lectureship recognizes outstanding academic achievements in thyroidology, in keeping with the innovation and vision that epitomized Dr. Ingbar's brilliant investigative career. The award is conferred upon an established investigator who has made major contributions to thyroid-related research over many years. The award is supported by an educational grant from Abbott Laboratories.*



**Colum A. Gorman, MB, BCh, PhD**  
**Paul Starr Award**

Colum Gorman was born in Mayobridge, North Ireland, and earned his medical degree at Queens University Medical School in Belfast. He interned at Mater Infirmorum Hospital in Belfast and at Ravenswood Hospital in Chicago, and was a fellow in internal medicine at Mayo Graduate School and then an assistant to staff at the Mayo Clinic. In 1968 he earned a PhD from the University of Minnesota, mentored by Eunice Flock and at the Mayo Clinic Nuclear Medicine Laboratory by Newlon Tauxe. His thesis was "Factors affecting exchange of thyroxine between rat liver and blood." He joined the Mayo Clinic and Mayo Graduate School faculty in 1966, and Mayo Medical School faculty in 1971. He has been a professor of medicine since 1981, he chaired the Mayo Clinic's Division of Endocrinology from 1985-92, and he served on the Mayo Clinic's Board of Governors from 1997-2000. From 2000-01, he was acting chair of the Department of Health Sciences Research. Dr. Gorman's Paul Starr Lecture topic was "Graves' Ophthalmopathy: A Personal Odyssey."

*The Paul Starr Award recognizes an outstanding contributor to clinical thyroidology. The award is supported in part by generous contributions from Boris Catz, MD, and from Monarch Pharmaceuticals.*



**Manfred Blum, MD**  
**2000 ATA Distinguished Service Awardee**

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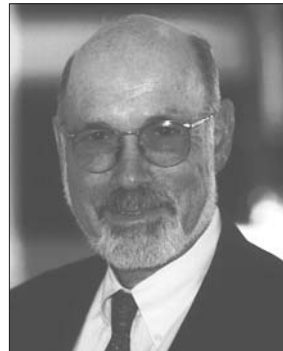
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**Are you interested?**

If you are interested in serving on an ATA committee or otherwise becoming more involved in the Association's work, please contact Secretary Paul Ladenson at 410 955-3663 or [ladenson@jhmi.edu](mailto:ladenson@jhmi.edu).

**New on the ATA web site**

[www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org)

**ATA Members' Services**

This new section is restricted to ATA members. The first time you use Members' Services, you can log in just by typing your name. During that first log-in, you'll choose your own password for future access. Use the members-only section for:

- Your member record and specialty areas — you can update your own information
- ATA members by name, city, or state
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**74th Annual Meeting Information**

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**Recruiting Women Members to the ATA**

Dear ATA member,

I am joining with other leaders of the American Thyroid Association to increase membership and participation by women in our wonderful society. The ATA thrives on close ties among members and a collegial atmosphere at the annual meeting. We know that encouragement of young women scientists and physicians by established ATA members is all that will be necessary to help more women enjoy the camaraderie and benefits offered by our Association.

Recruitment of women members is perfectly in keeping with the ATA's Strategic Plan to be an outward-looking, highly collaborative organization with a diversified membership. In an era when more than half of all endocrine fellows are women, it is also in the interest of our Association's future!

Currently, only 12% of ATA members are women. This compares with 28% of women members in both AACE and The Endocrine Society. ATA's membership ratios are clearly not representative of the percentage of women physicians and scientists in thyroidology. I would like to increase the number of women ATA members, to be more reflective of the percentage of women committed to our field.

In addition to building more diversity in the ATA membership rolls, we want to promote more women to leadership positions. Consequently, we urge you to use our web site ([www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org)) to nominate qualified women for positions on the Executive Council and for our prestigious awards.

Many women in our Association are leaders in thyroidology and excellent role models for new members. We urge you not only to encourage your women colleagues to join the ATA, but also to mentor them at our annual meeting so that they will feel welcome and comfortable about participating actively in the Association.

Please e-mail me your thoughts about this initiative at [<cspencer@hsc.usc.edu>](mailto:cspencer@hsc.usc.edu). I look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,

Carole A. Spencer, PhD., FACB  
President

**ATA Committee Chairs 2001-2002**

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# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## American Thyroid Association

The American Thyroid Association (ATA) is a close-knit, collegial group of physicians and scientists dedicated to the research and treatment of thyroid diseases. ATA's rich history dates back to 1923, and its members are respected worldwide as leaders in thyroidology.

**Annual meeting:** The annual meeting features strong coverage of both basic science and clinical topics through interactive oral and poster sessions, symposia, distinguished lectures, and meet the professor workshops. The meeting offers unparalleled networking opportunities. Every fifth year, members attend an International Thyroid Congress.

**Publications:** THYROID, ATA's official monthly peer-reviewed journal; CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY, summaries and commentary on wide-ranging articles; and SIGNAL, the member newsletter.

**Professional education:** Clinical, research, and teaching resources; information updates; specialty course offerings for other fields.

**Web site (www.thyroid.org):** Professional and patient information and resources, a physician referral service, public health statements, peer guidelines, members' section.

**Member alerts:** Members are e-mailed alerts about breaking thyroid-related news.

**Public advocacy:** ATA guides public policy about the prevention and management of thyroid diseases.

**Research grants:** New and transitioning investigators can apply for funding for thyroid-related research projects.

**Campaign for Thyroid Discovery:** Building an endowment will ensure that ATA's sponsorship of ground-breaking thyroid research can continue in perpetuity.

**Awards:** Members are recognized for outstanding contributions to thyroid research, clinical care, academic thyroidology, and service to the Association.

We encourage you to join the ATA so that you can experience the wealth of knowledge and enjoy the benefits of membership in this highly specialized, highly regarded society.

To apply for ATA membership, please fill out the application on the back of this page and submit it with the listed enclosures.

To learn more about membership guidelines and to explore all aspects of the ATA, visit our web site, [www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org). If you have questions about membership or want help with the application process, call us at 703 998-8890 or write to us at [admin@thyroid.org](mailto:admin@thyroid.org).

The ATA looks forward to having you as a member!

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### Upcoming ATA annual meetings

#### ATA 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

October 9-13, 2002  
Millennium Biltmore Hotel  
Los Angeles, California

#### ATA 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

September 16-21, 2003  
The Breakers  
Palm Beach, Florida

#### ATA 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

September 29- October 3, 2004  
The Westin Bayshore Resort & Marina  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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# Membership Application

## American Thyroid Association



### Selection for membership in the American Thyroid Association is based primarily on:

1. Demonstrated interest in the pathology of the thyroid gland
2. Clinical and/or laboratory experience in thyroidology
3. Publications related to the thyroid
4. Attendance at meetings of the American Thyroid Association and other national thyroid meetings

Before applying, please review the Membership Guidelines and Membership Categories on the ATA web site, [www.thyroid.org](http://www.thyroid.org).

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_

### Applying for membership category:

\_\_\_\_ Active (annual dues \$210; includes subscription to the journal THYROID)

\_\_\_\_ Corresponding (annual dues \$60, plus \$125 optional for THYROID)

#### Applicants for Corresponding membership: Are you an active member of the (check one):

European Thyroid Association     Latin American Thyroid Society     Asia Oceania Thyroid Association

\_\_\_\_ Associate (first-year annual dues waived; includes on-line access to THYROID)

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Preferred address, phone, fax, and e-mail for ATA correspondence: \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

License to practice: State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Name of your ATA member sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Board certification: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal medicine \_\_\_\_\_ Endocrinology \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### Please submit your completed application along with:

#### 1. Your CV, including:

- Academic college and year of graduation; medical or graduate school and year of graduation
- Internship and residencies (include dates), postgraduate work (include dates)
- Past and present professional and teaching appointments (include dates)
- ATA annual meetings attended (list years)
- Bibliography, emphasizing thyroid-related publications

#### 2. Letter of recommendation from an ATA member (if you do not know an ATA member, we will help you find one)

#### 3. Brief description of how your current professional activities reflect your interest in clinical thyroid disease or thyroid-related scientific investigation

#### 4. Brief description of what motivates your desire to join the ATA

The Membership Committee reviews all applications and submits recommended candidates for approval by the ATA Executive Council each February, June, and October. The list of accepted members is published in the SIGNAL and candidates are notified by mail of their acceptance.

SEND YOUR COMPLETED  
APPLICATION AND  
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## ATA Meeting Highlights

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expansion of ATA's involvement in and influence on external affairs.

Paul Ladenson reported on the professionalization of the ATA staff and the office's move to Falls Church, VA. He congratulated Robert Utiger on the success of CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY and commented on the improved web site and SIGNAL newsletter. He pointed out that all of these new programs are self-supporting. A major goal for 2002 will be strengthening of committees.

### Treasurer/Finance and Audit Committee:

David Cooper reported ATA's assets at \$1.4 million, modestly decreased because of the annual meeting postponement and the stock market drop. The foresight of acquiring a meeting cancellation insurance policy may make up part of the loss. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Steve Spaulding confirmed that ATA remains in good financial health despite recent reverses.

Program Committee: Co-Chair Wolf Dillmann reported that the Committee wants to continue presenting integrated basic science and clinical programs at the annual meeting. Topic categories will be redefined. Poster authors must be at their posters during presentation times.

Public Health Committee: Member Vic Bernet reported for Chair Arthur Schneider on recent progress on promoting potassium iodide stockpiling (see separate article). A new web fact sheet explains the FDA status of thyroxine products; another fact sheet debunks "Wilson's syndrome."

Development Committee: Chair Eli Dow acknowledged that 24 ATA members have contributed at least \$10,000 each to the Campaign for Thyroid Discovery. More members will be encouraged to donate.

International Meeting Committee: Marty Surks reported on preparations for the 13th International Thyroid Congress in Buenos Aires in October-November 2005. Profits from the 2000 Kyoto meeting will help young investigators from each society attend the next meeting.

Bylaws Committee: Chair Jeff Garber presented Bylaws changes that had been proposed at the 2000 Kyoto meeting. All were passed at the 2001 meeting. The major changes are:

- The Research Committee was changed from an ad hoc to a standing committee.
- The maximum age for a Van Meter Prize Award winner was raised from 41 to 45 years.
- With Council's consent, the secretary and

treasurer may raise dues without majority approval by members attending the annual business meeting.

- Senior members must pay dues, but are not required to attend the annual meeting.

Jeff Garber presented these newly proposed Bylaws changes for voting at the 2002 annual meeting:

- Change the name of the "Standards of Care" Committee to the "Clinical Affairs" Committee.
- Shorten the terms of secretary and treasurer from 5 to 3 years. (Council's sentiment was to leave the 5-year terms in place long enough to evaluate whether the ATA's new administrative infrastructure can reduce the secretary's workload enough that the job can be redefined.)
- Develop a process for competitive elections for president, secretary, treasurer, and directors. (Council's sentiment was to explore this possibility for president and directors, but not to allow the secretary and treasurer to become elected positions now.)

Publications Committee: On behalf of Chair Lynn Burmeister, Council liaison David Cooper congratulated editors Terry Davies of THYROID and Robert Utiger of CLINICAL THYROIDOLOGY on the success of these ATA publications.

Standards of Care Committee: Chair Susan Mandel reported on the Committee's effort to reverse a December 2000 HCFA regulation excluding Medicare reimbursement for PET scanning for thyroid cancer. HCFA/CMS's decision is pending.

Research Committee: Chair Faith Davis reported on the selection of Patrizio Caturegli and Robert Philibert as 2001 research grant recipients.

Lab Services Committee: Chair Manny Blum congratulated Carole Spencer on her work on the NACB thyroid testing guidelines (see separate article).

Nominating Committee: Chair James Hurley reported Council's approval of Peter Singer as President Elect and Stephanie Lee and John Morris as Directors. Spirited debate followed the Committee's proposal of competitive elections for president, secretary, treasurer, and directors. The interim plan is to develop procedures for competitive election of only the president and directors.

Carole Spencer was installed as President. She thanked Bill Chin for his outstanding leadership during his presidency.

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Education: ATA will expand its professional and public education activities by reviewing and endorsing certain non-ATA CME programs and web information, offering thyroid educational programs at non-endocrine conferences, and posting reviewed educational materials on the members-only section of the ATA web site. The ATA may sponsor a thyroid awareness campaign in 2003.

Patient Education and Advocacy Committee (ad hoc): This Committee is working to form an alliance with thyroid patient advocacy groups. Council approved guidelines for ATA sponsorship of patient groups.

Clinical Affairs (Standards of Care) Committee: The Committee will write to thyroxine manufacturers requesting advance notice of any change in formulation.

Birth Defects Working Group (ad hoc): This group posted a statement to the ATA web site refuting a study that had found an increased incidence of birth defects in babies born to mothers with untreated or treated thyroid disease.

Public Health: ATA will organize a symposium to update radiation and health care professionals about potassium iodide for the prevention of radioiodine-related thyroid injury.

Membership: To encourage new members, ATA will waive Associate Member fees for the first year and give them a free on-line subscription to THYROID.

Elections: Competitive elections were approved for president and directors, but not for secretary and treasurer. Council favored maintaining the secretary and treasurer's terms at 5 years.

Program Committee: The Committee will oversee CMES (Early Riser) programs at the upcoming annual meeting to ensure their quality and coordination with the main scientific program.

Campaign for Thyroid Discovery: Chair Pepper Davis reported on the fund drive's progress, including efforts to endow parts of the annual meeting program.

New Initiative: Council considered redesigning the ATA logo, but no action was taken.

## In Memoriam

Eugene Furth, MD  
Wayne V. Greenberg, MD  
Monte A. Greer, MD  
Robert L. Kroc, PhD  
J. Martin Miller, MD  
O. Peter Schumacher, MD, PhD

### In Memoriam Robert L. Kroc

June 19, 1907 - April 19, 2002



Robert Kroc died on April 19, 2002 in Santa Barbara, two months before his 95th birthday. He is survived by his daughters, Alice Hattemer and Lois Kroc. Alice, his wife of 59 years, died in 1993.

A Chicago native, Dr. Kroc earned a BA and MA from Oberlin College, and, in 1933, a PhD in Zoology and Physiology from the University of Wisconsin. From 1933-1944 he served on the zoology faculty at Indiana University. In 1944 he began a research career at the Maltine Company, which eventually grew into Warner Lambert Pharmaceutical Company. He studied thyroid and reproductive physiology, anti-inflammatory drugs, and blood coagulation reagents, for several of which he was awarded patents. Among the products developed under his direction were the hypothyroidism drugs Proloid and Euthroid. He retired as Director of Physiology at the Warner Lambert Research Institute in 1969.

That same year, Dr. Kroc moved to Santa Ynez, California to become President of the Kroc Foundation, started by his brother, McDonald's Corporation founder Ray Kroc. The Kroc Foundation furthered research, primarily in diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and arthritis, through over 1,600 grants and many international conferences. Although the Foundation was disbanded in 1985, its impact continues through endowed lectureships and through Robert L. Kroc Chairs at Harvard Medical School (Neurology and Neurological Sciences), Washington University in St. Louis (Diabetes and Endocrine-Metabolic Sciences), and the University of California San Francisco (Rheumatology and Immunological Sciences).

Dr. Kroc served as ATA President in 1971-72. He was a Fellow of the New York Academy of Sciences and a board member of the American Diabetes Association, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Santa Barbara Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute of Buffalo, NY, and Sansum Medical Research Institute of Santa Barbara.

He had a lifelong interest in travel and especially enjoyed bringing together farflung family members.

In 1979, Oberlin awarded Dr. Kroc an honorary Doctorate of Science, inscribed, "Devoted alumnus, innovative and inspiring biologist whose skills and humanitarian concerns have made the healing arts more effective everywhere."

Memorial contributions may be made to the Science Building and Program Fund, Oberlin College Development Office, Oberlin, OH 44074.

— includes material from obituary published 5/9/02 in the *Santa Barbara News-Press*

### In Memoriam J. Martin Miller

September 24, 1922 - December 28, 2001



J. Martin Miller died on December 28, 2001 at the age of 79. He and his wife, Judy, had retired to Fairfield Glade, TN, after he had spent 35 years as a senior staff physician in endocrinology at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

Dr. Miller earned his MD at Indiana University School of Medicine in 1945, receiving the Dr. Marcus Radvin Medal as the graduating senior with the highest scholastic achievement. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Psi. He completed his internship at Henry Ford Hospital and a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic, and he served in both World War II and the Korean War. In 1950, he helped start the free Cabrini Clinic to serve the poor of Detroit. Starting in 1973, he helped plan for the first satellite clinics of the Henry Ford Health System.

Dr. Miller served as ATA Treasurer from 1980-83. According to Saeed Zafar, in ATA circles he was known as "Mr. Thyroid Nodule." He formulated an understanding of how thyroid nodules develop and popularized the use of fine needle biopsy in managing nodules in the U.S. He also recognized early the need to follow patients who were at risk because of exposure to thyroid radiation.

Upon retiring, Dr. Miller became volunteer director of the Henry Ford Hospital's hospice program. When the Millers moved to Tennessee, he continued his work in hospice as long as Parkinson's disease allowed him. He was honored as the Cumberland County (TN) hospice volunteer of the year, and in 2000 he received the Good Samaritan Award from Most Holy Trinity Church in Detroit for starting the Cabrini Clinic and other good works.

Dr. Miller made house calls. He believed in the power of humor and always had a story in his black bag. A former student who has followed in Dr. Miller's footsteps as a physician-teacher borrowed from Oliver Wendell Holmes in saying that as a teacher, Dr. Miller "sought and delivered the simplicity on the other side of complexity."

Dr. Miller is survived by his wife Judy, his son John, and his daughters Louise and Carol. Judy Miller writes, "Martin dearly loved going to the meetings of the Thyroid Assn., and I surely have many good memories from those times."

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Cumberland County, 30 Adams Street, Crossville, TN 38555.

— with thanks to John Miller, Judy Miller, and Saeed Zafar





**In Memoriam  
Monte A. Greer**

October 26, 1922 - March 24, 2002

Monte Greer, Professor of Medicine and of Physiology & Pharmacology and former head of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Clinical Nutrition at Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine, died on March 24, 2002 in a motor vehicle accident that also claimed his wife, Peggy. The Greers are survived by their son, Richard, and their daughter, Susie, who is a research associate in Dr. Greer's lab.

A native of Portland, Oregon, Dr. Greer attended Oregon State University for three years, and eventually completed his bachelor's degree at Stanford University in 1944. He completed his MD at Stanford in 1947. Having decided early on a career in endocrinology, he trained in Boston and at the National Cancer Institute before moving briefly to California to be Chief of Nuclear Medicine at the Long Beach VA Hospital. In 1956, he leapt at an opportunity to return to Portland, and remained there for the rest of his career. He joined the OHSU faculty as Associate Professor of Medicine—one of the first full-time members of the Department of Medicine—and the next year became head of the Endocrinology Division. He was promoted to Professor in 1962, and continued to lead the Endocrinology Division until 1990.

Dr. Greer's early work included studies on goitrogens, naturally occurring substances in foods like cabbage and kale that can contribute to the development of goiters; he collaborated in the discovery of one of these, called "goitrin," and isolated its precursor, progoitrin. He was among the earliest investigators to provide evidence that the hypothalamus plays an important role in regulating TSH secretion. He successfully advocated medical management of goiter and hyperthyroidism during an era when surgery was the treatment of choice. In a still-controversial stand, he recommended conservative management of thyroid cancer and questioned many current treatments. Over his career, Dr. Greer published more than 300 papers, books, and chapters. His daughter Susie plans to finish the papers that he was writing just before he died.

Dr. Greer joined the ATA in 1963, but had attended almost all meetings from 1949. He served as ATA President in 1980 and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1985. At the time of his death, he was a member of the History and Archives Committee.

He also received awards from NIH, the Endocrine Society, and the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon.

In addition to clinical care and research, Dr. Greer supported and mentored young academic endocrinologists, welcoming many trainees from Japan. One of Dr. Greer's former trainees, John Kendall, now Dean Emeritus of the OHSU School of Medicine, said of him, "Monte Greer was a critical thinker who taught me not only research methodology, but to consider new ways to look at old problems. He was truly a teacher's teacher."

After "retiring," Dr. Greer maintained an active research program on the effect of cell volume changes on secretion from endocrine cells and neurons, and he continued presenting his findings at meetings worldwide. Current Department of Medicine Chairman D. Lynn Loriaux said that Dr. Greer stayed involved in teaching, research, and patient care until the last day of his life.

Clark Sawin wrote of him, "His quiet, sharp mind was always active. He listened and then would almost always come up with an idea that no one else had thought of. His wry sense of humor will be missed."

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Portland Youth Philharmonic, 1119 Southwest Park, Portland, OR 97205.

— with thanks to Susie Greer, Clark Sawin, and Oregon Health & Science University

## Campaign for Thyroid Discovery

The Campaign for Thyroid Discovery is an effort to raise a \$3,000,000 endowment to support ATA funding of thyroid-related research.

**Member support.** Thus far, the Campaign has raised \$396,497 in cash and pledges from ATA members. Dedicated ATA members in the U.S. and abroad have made leadership gifts of \$10,000 or more. The final phase of the U.S. membership solicitation will be completed during the summer and fall. We had proposed that 22% of the Campaign goal should come from members. We will achieve and exceed this goal. The importance of participation by the ATA membership in the Campaign cannot be overemphasized: Member participation is critical to the credibility of our approaches to foundations. We urge members who have not already pledged to make a commitment to the Campaign.

**Industrial support.** Abbott/Knoll has completed 60% of its \$1,000,000 pledge to the Campaign. ATA leaders were crucial to the success of this solicitation. ATA has complete discretion over how the Abbott/Knoll gift will be used to support research.

Genzyme has contributed \$25,000 to the endowment, and

we look forward to their continued generosity.

Two additional solicitations to industry are to be completed this year.

**Foundation support.** Pursuit of foundation support is a major component of the Campaign. ATA Executive Director Bobbi Smith and new Development Associate Manager Roslyn McKee have been working hard and creatively to prepare for solicitation of foundations, a project delayed by the departure of former Campaign Director Linda Safran. A Campaign portfolio has been prepared for submission to foundations. We will test-market the portfolio materials this summer and fall with foundations in the Boston and south Florida areas. Regional Campaign committees will help identify foundation board members who can facilitate ATA leaders' access to specific foundations. The solicitations themselves will be made by Campaign and ATA officers.

ATA members' suggestions for foundation and industrial contacts are welcomed, along with members' financial and time commitments to the Campaign.

— Pepper Davis, Chair, Campaign for Thyroid Discovery

## Honors and Awards to ATA Members

**David Becker, Jacob Robbins, and Jan Wolff** have received the FDA's Group Recognition Award as members of the Potassium Iodide Guidance Working Group, "for outstanding performance in producing a draft guidance [guidelines] providing recommendations in order to reduce the risk of thyroid cancer as a result of radiation emergencies."

**Ken Burman** was honored as an outstanding alumnus of the University of Missouri School of Medicine. The 34th annual Faculty-Alumni Awards ceremony in October 2001 recognized his accomplishments in professional life and his service to his alma mater and his community. The announcement of his award noted that in 1988 he had been named Outstanding Young Physician by the UM Medical Alumni Association.

**Virginia LiVolsi** is President Elect of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology. She will be President in 2003.

**Jacob Robbins** was awarded an honorary degree, Laurea

*Honoris Causa*, by the University of Messina, Italy. A symposium in Dr. Robbins' honor was given by his former Italian and Belgian fellows. Dr. Robbins' *lectio doctoralis*, entitled "The Geometric Progress of Knowledge and the Erratic Course of a Life: A Memoir," was published in the April 2002 issue of THYROID.

**Martin Schlumberger** was honored by the Light of Life Foundation in New York in December 2001. The Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for thyroid cancer patients through continuing education of the lay public and the medical community, and promoting research and development to improve thyroid cancer care.

**Paul Walfish** was awarded a 2001 Jonas Salk Prize last October in Toronto. The Prize, sponsored by the Ontario March of Dimes and Aventis-Pasteur, Canada, honors a Canadian scientist or physician who has made an outstanding contribution to the prevention, alleviation, or elimination of physical disability. Dr. Walfish was recognized for his contributions to newborn screening for hypothyroidism.

## ATA Welcomes New Members

### November, 2001

#### Active

Glenn Braunstein, MD, Los Angeles, CA  
 Sally Carty, MD, Pittsburgh, PA  
 Patrizio Caturegli, MD, Baltimore, MD  
 Carlos Coelho, MD, Aventura, FL  
 Alan Dackiw, MD, PhD, Toronto, ON, Canada  
 Andrew Gianoukakis, MD, Albany, NY  
 Joseph G. Hollowell, MD, Lawrence, KS  
 Jan Kasperbauer, MD, Rochester, MN  
 Richard Longley, MD, Merrillville, IN  
 Kanji Sato, MD, PhD, Shinjuku-Ku, Tokyo, Japan  
 Martin J. Schlumberger, MD, Villenuif, France  
 Nalini Singh, MD, Los Angeles, CA  
 Sumathi Srivatsa, MD, Atlanta, GA  
 Shinichi Suzuki, MD, PhD, La Jolla, CA  
 Cyrus Vakili, MD, Gardner, MA  
 Randal Weber, MD, Philadelphia, PA  
 Craig Wierum, MD, Nashville, TN

#### Associate

Puneet Singh Aurora, MD, Rochester, MN  
 Yoshiyuki Ban, MD, PhD, New York, NY  
 Shehzad Basaria, MD, Baltimore, MD  
 Milena Braga, MD, Baltimore, MD  
 Rohit Dwivedi, MD, Indianapolis, IN  
 Michael Morocco, MD, Columbus, OH  
 Farhad Zangeneh, MD, Rochester, MN  
 Georg Zettinig, MD, Vienna, Austria

### Corresponding

Jun Sasaki, MD, PhD, Honchodori, Morioka, Japan

### Senior

Jacques Nunez, MD, Bethesda, MD

### February, 2002

#### Active

Lee A. Bricker, MD, Kalamazoo, MI  
 David F. Gardner, MD, Richmond, VA  
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#### Associate

Serhat Aytug, MD, Mineola, NY  
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European Thyroid Association 28th Annual Meeting  
September 8-11, 2002  
Goteborg, Sweden  
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12th Asia-Oceania Congress of Endocrinology  
Endocrinology Society of the R.O.C.  
September 20-24, 2002  
Taipei, Taiwan  
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Thyroid Hormone and Brain Development: Translating  
Molecular Mechanisms to Population Risk: An International  
Conference  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
September 23-25, 2002  
NIEHS Rodbell Conference Center  
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina  
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Congress of the European Society for Paediatric  
Endocrinology  
September 25-28, 2002  
Madrid, Spain  
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Thyroid Cancer Three: International St. Vincent's Hospital  
Linz Symposium  
(held in conjunction with ACO Schilddrüse 2002: Austrian  
Society of Surgical Oncology Symposium)  
September 25-28, 2002  
Styria, Austria  
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Clinical Endocrinology Update: 2002  
The Endocrine Society  
October 6-9, 2002  
Portland, Oregon  
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**ATA 74th Annual Meeting \***  
October 9-13, 2002  
Millennium Biltmore Hotel  
Los Angeles, California

*\* Two patient or organization meetings being held in conjunction with  
the ATA meeting: \**

**\* ThyCa 2002: 5th International Thyroid Cancer Survivors'**  
Conference  
ThyCa: Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association  
October 11-13, 2002  
Los Angeles Athletic Club  
Los Angeles, California  
contact: Megan Stendebach  
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web: www.thyca.org

**\* Patient/Family Conference: A Bridge to Wellness X**  
National Graves' Disease Foundation  
October 11-13, 2002  
Wyndham Checkers Hotel  
Los Angeles, California  
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**Public Health Strategies for Protecting the Thyroid with  
Potassium Iodide in the Event of Nuclear Incident**  
American Thyroid Association and the Johns Hopkins Uni-  
versity School of Medicine  
February 28, 2003  
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American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists  
May 14-18, 2003  
San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina  
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Endo 2003: 85th Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society  
June 4-7, 2003  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
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**ATA 75th Annual Meeting**  
September 16-21, 2003  
The Breakers  
Palm Beach, Florida

AFES 2003 & AOTA 2003  
November 30 - December 4, 2003  
Raffles City Convention Centre  
Singapore  
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American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists  
April 28-May 2, 2004  
Sheraton Boston & John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial  
Convention Center  
Boston, Massachusetts  
web: www.aace.com

Endo 2004: 86th Annual Meeting of The Endocrine Society  
June 16-19, 2004  
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**ATA 76th Annual Meeting**  
September 29-October 3, 2004  
Westin Bayshore Resort & Marina  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

**13th International Thyroid Congress**  
October 30-November 4, 2005  
Buenos Aires, Argentina