

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION COUNCIL MEETING 2010

Chicago, IL

- Meeting opened by transitioning of Chairs from Raymond Benza to incoming Chair, Myung Park
- 39 members in attendance
- Discussion of PH Satellite Symposium (Wed)
 - 3 satellites symposiums
 - (1) Sunrise symposium well attended - focus on right ventricle
 - (2) Other two sessions less well attended
 - Impact of missing European attendees (Paris meeting)
 - Timing and positioning of the sessions respect to other concurrent sessions
 - More effective planning in regards to industry sponsored symposiums
 - Topics to consider for 2011 meeting – many excellent ideas proposed to be discussed with the Education Workforce Committee
- Scientific Sessions on PH
 - 33 accepted abstracts 2010. This is improved but decreased from prior year.
 - i) 2009 – 50; 2008 – 13; 2007 – 24.
 - (1) We need to place timely communication to our members to urge them to submit their research to ISHLT
 - (2) Work with Pulmonary Hypertension Association to get the word out
- Journal of Heart and Lung Transplant
 - Focused section on Pulmonary Vascular Diseases
 - 35 manuscripts accepted in JHLT on PH
 - Rapid response time
- Reports by the Workforce Leaders
 - (1) Standard and Guideline Workforce: Evelyn Horn
 - ISHLT has reviewed and endorsed the European Guidelines on PH
 - Discussed possibly developing a supplement focused on PH regarding Transplant / VAD / HF
 - Special Projects: RV and Pulmonary Hypertension- medical and surgical therapies
 - Lead by Robert Frantz Mayo Clinic
 - Pulmonary hypertension related to Left Heart Disease- (interact with CHF Council) – Lead by James Fang Project initiated
 - Transplantation and PAH – Led by Reda Girgis
 - Integrate medical and surgical aspects
 - Place current status of UNOS scoring system in context

- (2) Education work force: Omar Minai
 - Ideas for symposium for 2011 discussed
 - Increased interaction with Junior Faculty

- (3) Registries Workforce: Adaani Frost (not present)
 - Her efforts in gathering information from the ISHLT Registry Database discussed; difficulty gathering data due to missing variables
 - Plans for new Committee members to focus on more basic analysis on transplant and survival for PAH

- (4) Communication Workforce: Debbie Levine
 - News letters sent via PH Links updating PH Council Activities
 - Submitted bulletins via emails
 - Continue with planned emails to the members for updates

- (5) Development Workforce: Srinivas Murali (not present)
 - Significant increased support from PH sponsors
 - Continue concerted efforts to work with our industry partners

Election Process Held for PH Council Vice Chair and Leads for Workforces

- Names to be distributed for votes

Meeting Adjourned