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Welcome from the ATA President, Hossein Gharib, MD

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the 84th Annual Meeting of the American Thyroid Association (ATA) from 29 October to 2 November, 2014 at the Hotel del Coronado in Coronado, California. The ATA is the leading organization devoted to thyroid biology and to the prevention and treatment of thyroid disease through excellence in research, clinical care, education, and public health. Our annual meeting program is designed to offer attendees top-notch educational sessions, great networking opportunities and unparalleled collegiality.

Built in 1988, the Hotel del Coronado is a national historic landmark. Skirted by a long, wide beach; distinguished by red Victorian turrets; celebrated by Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe in "Some Like It Hot," the Del is truly a 'grande dame' of all California lodgings. One of the few surviving examples of an American architectural genre: the wooden Victorian beach resort, situated on 28 oceanfront acres on Coronado Island, the Hotel Del is only four miles from San Diego's downtown, historic Gaslamp Quarter; and, nine miles from San Diego's International Airport (SAN). With the feel of an island oasis conveniently located in a town setting, the Del has state of the art meeting facilities, great recreational opportunities and strolling access to quaint shops, restaurants and pubs; providing a perfect setting for a scientific gathering of ATA attendees and their families from around the world.

At the annual meeting, you will be engaged in a creative and innovative four day scientific program with carefully balanced clinical and basic science sessions to give all attendees the opportunity to learn about the latest advances in thyroidology. An outstanding program is planned for the practicing clinician each day. Continuing emphasis will be on oral presentations, poster discussion groups, and short call formats.

Chaired by Drs. R. Michael Tuttle and Fredric Wondisford, the ATA Program Committee has developed an excellent agenda anticipated by all who have attended in the past and thus recommended to new attendees as their 'favorite' scientific educational experience - year after year. *Reviews of the unmatched excellence and environment of the ATA meeting:*

- "Great combination of clinical and basic research"
- "Presentations and posters are excellent"
- "Well organized and top notch"
- "The science improves every year"

We invite endocrinologists, internists, surgeons, basic scientists, nuclear medicine specialists, pathologists, endocrine fellows and nurses, physician assistants and other health care professionals who wish to broaden and update their knowledge of the thyroid gland and its disorders.

Trainees will have a 4-day fully integrated educational experience with the leaders in the field, starting the morning before the annual meeting opening session. Clinical, Basic and Surgical Trainees are the focus of ATA priorities and, as such, receive support for accommodations and registration through the ATA Trainees Conference (ATC). Details are available online at www.thyroid.org.

Take this opportunity to earn CME credits, hear innovative talks on clinical topics, participate in interactive sessions, and develop professionally with state of the art information. Our exhibit hall is booming and we extend a warm welcome to our exhibitors and industrial colleagues who come to discuss new information, services, products, and state-of-the-art technology.

I look forward to welcoming you, in person, to our 84th Annual Meeting of the ATA in Coronado, California in late October 2014.

Best regards and safe travels,

Hossein Gharib, MD
President, American Thyroid Association