

Signal News December 2019

Martha A. Zeiger MD, President ATA



I am truly honored to serve as your president for this exciting upcoming 2019/2020 year. We are also delighted to report a historic moment in which we have 4 women serving on the Executive Board this year; **Elizabeth Pearce MD**, Past President, myself as President, **Jacquie Jonklaas MD** as Secretary/COO, and **Julie Ann Sosa MD**, as Treasurer. **Vic Bernet MD** will also serve as President-elect.

I am also thrilled to report on a banner annual meeting in Chicago with a record 1624 registrants, one quarter of whom were international members from 40 countries! This was nicely mirrored by 230 faculty with close to 30% being international. We had a record number of presentations, 550 poster and 50 oral presentations! Our meeting was supported by 20 sponsors and 40 exhibitors and we sincerely thank them for their support.



We also need to thank both **Mona Sabra MD** and **Antonio Di Cristofano PhD**, Program Committee Co-Chairs and the program committee members for creating a vibrant and comprehensive meeting. And, certainly thanks to all of our **ATA staff** led by **Bobbi Smith** who are instrumental in running the meetings.



Please find some highlights from our meeting:



The Opening Session was a huge success with **Drs. Naifa Busaidy, Sheue-yann Cheng, and Michael Yeh** presiding and presenting the clinical, basic, and surgical reviews of recent developments and future challenges in thyroidology respectively.

Plenary lectures:



Pregnancy – A Unique Immunological and Microbial Condition presented by **Gil Mor, MD, PhD**



CART Cell Therapy in Blood Malignancies presented by **Terry J. Fry, MD**

2019 Awards presented by ATA President Elizabeth N. Pearce, MD:



Van Meter Award recipient, **Cari Kitahara, PhD**, introduced by **Julie Ann Sosa, MD**



Paul Starr Award recipient, **Douglas S. Ross, MD** introduced by **Gilbert H. Daniels, MD**



Sidney H. Ingbar Distinguished Lectureship presented by **Bryan R. Haugen, MD**, introduced by **Michael T. McDermott, MD**



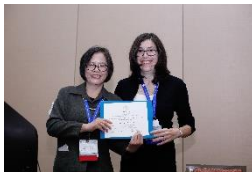
Lewis E. Braverman Distinguished Award recipient, **Martha A. Zeiger, MD**, introduced by **Emad Kandil, MD**



John B. Stanbury Thyroid Pathophysiology Medal awarded to **Sissy M. Jhiang, PhD**



Distinguished Service Award presented to **Robert C. Smallridge, MD**



Special congratulations goes out to **Susan J. Mandel, MD** from the University of Pennsylvania for receiving the **ATA Women in Thyroidology (WIT) Woman of the Year Award** presented by WIT president **Sissy Jhiang, PhD**.

Early 2020 important dates:

- January 31, 2020; nominations for ATA Treasurer-Elect, Van Meter Award Lecture, Distinguished Service Award and John B. Stanbury Thyroid Pathophysiology Medal
- February 2, 2020; ATA thyroid research grant proposals
- January 2020 Board nominations for 2 open positions; nominations process closes on March 31, 2020.

Log into your [ATA Members Only](#) to access nominations forms and research grant information.

Appreciation and thank you:



Next, we give a big thanks to **Peter Kopp, MD** for his dedicated and superb service as editor in chief of **Thyroid**. Under his expert guidance the journal's impact factor has climbed to 7.786, an increase of 102% since 2013. A huge thank you from all of us!

Future meetings

We invite you to join us at the ATA Spring Satellite Symposium on *Personalized Approach to Thyroid Disorders* on March 27, 2020 in San Francisco, California just prior to the start of the Endocrine Society Annual Meeting.

We hope you will also consider attending the ATA Spring Clinical Meeting focused on *Controversies in Thyroidology* on May 28-30, 2020 in New York City.

Lastly, we hope ATA members will plan to attend the 16th International Thyroid Congress hosted by the Asia Oceania Thyroid Association (AOTA) and co-sponsored by the ATA, European Thyroid Association and Latin American Thyroid Society on September 8-13, 2020 in Xi'an, China.

Available details for each of these upcoming events are online at <https://www.thyroid.org/professionals/meetings/>.

With so many ways to provide service and to be served by the Association, we appreciate your help to ensure ATA is engaging and providing opportunities to our entire membership base and important stakeholders in the field of Thyroidology.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,
Martha Zeiger, the ATA Board of Directors and Staff



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