

From the Chair of the AAP Section on Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery

The Section on Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery sessions of the American Academy of Pediatric National Conference and Exhibit was held Friday, September 15–Sunday, September 17 in America's second city, Chicago. This year's Program Chairperson, Dr. Bradley Marino, put together an excellent program for residents, fellows and faculty. These sessions deal with coronary artery issues in children, controversies in public policy and their effect on children and adults with congenital heart disease, and a final session on surgical and interventional controversies. In addition to the phenomenal program, the section gave out two Young Investigator Awards and The Children's Heart Foundation Research Fellowship Award. We also announced something brand new, The Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation's Research Award. The rest of the schedule was filled with oral abstract presentations, scientific posters and networking with friends and colleagues.

One of the highlights of this meeting is the Section Banquet sponsored by Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. A personal tour of this magnificent Children's Hospital was available to all interested prior to dinner. The other highlight was the Sunday morning presentation of the Founder's Award presentation to Dr. David Driscoll.

Dr. Driscoll is a Professor of Pediatrics at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He is the Chair Emeritus of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology. Dr. Driscoll began his medical career at Marquette School of Medicine. His Internship of Internal Medicine was at The Johns Hopkins Medical School. He then served as a Lieutenant Commander of the US Medical Core on Rough and Ready Island in Stockton, California for three years. He then completed his pediatric residency at The Medical College of Wisconsin and his pediatric cardiology fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine, Texas Children's Hospital. After completion of his Fellowship he was appointed to the faculty at Texas Children's Hospital for three years and then relocated to Mayo Clinic where he became the Director of Pediatric Cardiology Training Program and eventually to the Head of the Division at Mayo Clinic. Dr. Driscoll is a member of numerous professional and honor societies including Alpha Omega Alpha, Fellow, American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, Council on Heart Disease in The Young, and Society of Pediatric Research. He has been awarded the William Millmann Award at Marquette Medical School for Outstanding Student, was the finalist for the Young Investigator Award in the AAP

Young Investigators Award competition in 1997 and 1998. He has been listed at The Best Heart Doctor in *Good Housekeeping* and *American Health*, America's Top Doctors and Best Doctor in America. He was also honored with giving the Helen B. Taussig Memorial Lecture at the American Heart Association in 2006. He has received numerous honors from Mayo Clinic including the Distinguished Clinician Award, Teacher of the Year Award, and Individual Award for Service Excellence and Distinguished Educator.

Dr. Driscoll has been a NIH funded researcher, has served on numerous Editorial Boards and National Committees including Council on Cardiovascular Disease in the Young for the American Heart Association, member of the Cardiac Transplantation Committee as well as the Chair of the Subboard of Pediatric Cardiology for the American Board of Pediatrics. Dr. Driscoll has given lectures throughout the United States and the World during his career. He has published over 245 peer reviewed manuscripts and has been the co-editor of *Moss and Adams' Heart Disease in Infants, Children, and Adolescents* (8th edition).

It is with extreme pleasure that the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery recognized Dr. Driscoll with the Founders Award in Pediatric Cardiology.

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered their services through working groups and as moderators and faculty.

Sincerely,

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