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The Research Committee of the American Heart Association-Midwest Affiliate met on May 22, 2002 to allocate up to \$6,794,447 for research funding of its extensive portfolio of fellowships and grants. The Committee made its initial funding recommendations as follows:

Program	# to fund	Success Rate	Total \$ Amt	% of Midwest Budget
Pre-doctoral Fellowships	27	73%	\$1,200,000	18%
Post-doctoral Fellowships	17	53%	\$1,207,000	18.5%
MD Post-doctoral Fellowships	5	71%	\$512,500	8%
Scientist Development Grants	11	20%	\$2,722,500	42%
Grants-in-Aid	8	9.5%	\$879,999	13.5%

As is evident from the table, the AHA-Midwest continues to be the most consistent source of funding for cardiovascular research training. Our affiliate remains highly committed to career development, especially at the postdoctoral and junior faculty levels. Almost 75% of the Research Budget raised during FY02 will be expended during FY03 on training and faculty development. A note of caution, however. This round of funding marks the last time that AHA-Midwest funds will be allocated on a once-a-year basis. Starting in January, 2003, AHA-Midwest, like the AHA-National, will move to a twice-a-year funding schedule. This will likely increase the competition for support at any given funding cycle.

Final announcements for funding decisions should be received by applicants in the next two weeks.

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CVI JOURNAL CLUB

June 13.....Mr. Engman
June 27.....Dr. Brueggemann

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE CVI

Bidani, A.K., Griffin, K.A. Long-term renal consequences of hypertension for normal and diseased kidneys. *Curr. Opin. Nephrol. Hypertens.* 11:73-80, 2002.

Churchill P.C., Churchill, M.C., Griffin, K.A., Picken, M. Webb, R.C., Kurtz, T.W., Bidani, A.K. Increased genetic susceptibility to renal damage in the stroke prone spontaneously hypertensive rat. *Kidney Int.* 61:1794-1800, 2002.

Iqbal, O., Messmore, H., Fareed, J., Ahmad, S., Hoppenstead, D., Shadid, H., Tobu, M., Aziz, S., Wehrmacher, W. Antithrombotic agents in the treatment of severe sepsis. *Expert Opin. Emerging Drugs.* 7(1):111-139, 2002.

CVI SEMINAR SERIES

The next CVI seminar will be held on **Thursday, June 20, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.** in **Building 120, Rm 360** (Cuneo Center Case Methods Room). Our speaker is:

R. John Solaro, Ph.D.
Professor and Chairman
Department of Physiology and Biophysics
University Illinois-Chicago Medical School
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The title of Dr. Solaro's talk will be announced in a subsequent mailing.

For further information about the CVI Seminar Series, contact Dr. Leanne Cribbs at x72817.

