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The purpose of this notice is to update you on the changes involving the American Heart Association peer review structure.

As you may remember, the Great America Consortium and the national research program are now offering two funding opportunities in 2002. This move necessitated the development of a new peer review committee structure, scheduled to be in place for the spring of 2002. Last summer a new AHA Peer Review Steering Committee was established. The group reorganized the 21 National study groups and the 11 Great America study groups into 27 scientifically distinct study sections and selected their leadership.

All of these new AHA Peer Review chairs were given the rosters from both the National and Great America study groups, plus the lists of recommendations that were received from the peer review study group members and affiliate research committees. Based on the scientific needs of their committees, and their contacts through the research community, these chairpersons have now completed their recruitment for their study sections. They will be chairing the AHA Peer Review meetings this coming April.

Applications submitted to the AHA-Midwest and the AHA-National will therefore be reviewed by the same study sections this spring. We should also expect a significant drop in fundable priority scores for AHA-Midwest due to the switch from 1 to 2 funding opportunities per year.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the new peer review structure, I would be happy to relay them to the Research Committee when it meets next month.

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CVI JOURNAL CLUB

March 14.....Mr. Wallock
March 28.....Dr. Heidkamp

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CVI SEMINAR SERIES

The next CVI seminar will be held on **Thursday, March 21, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.** in **Building 102, Rm 7601** (Department of Medicine Conference Room). Our speaker is:

**Karen Griffin, M.D.
Associate Professor of Medicine
Loyola University Medical Center**

The title of Dr. Griffin's talk is:

"Determinants of Hypertensive Target-Organ Damage"

For further information, contact Dr. Leanne Cribbs at x72817.

CARDIOLOGY- CVI RESEARCH DIVISION SEMINAR SERIES

The Cardiology Division and the CVI Research Division are sponsoring a series of seminars by Loyola Faculty dealing with the "nuts and bolts" of doing cardiovascular research. The following seminar is scheduled:

Dr. Martin.....March 22

Seminars are held at Noon in the Cardiology Conference Room, Rm 6291.

For further information, contact Dr. Samarel at x72821

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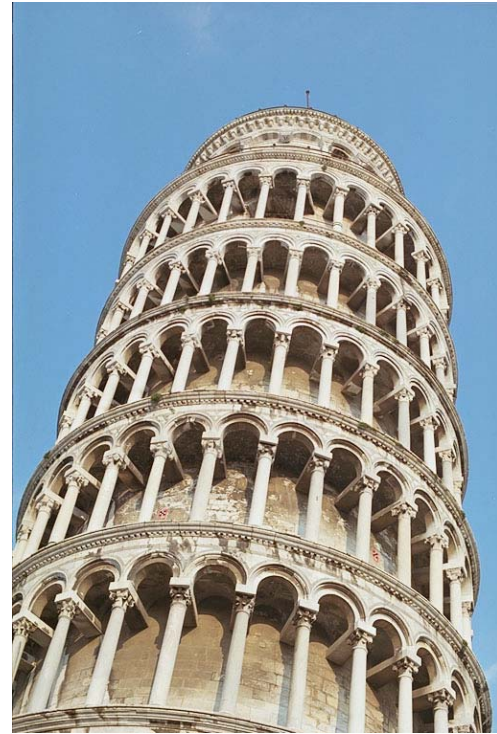
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