Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite your institution to nominate candidates to participate in the 2016 Annual Fellows Conference: Advances in Organ Transplantation, a conference designed specifically for transplant fellows. This conference, which will address topics in solid organ transplantation, has been developed to provide fellows with an opportunity to present their data to their peers. This conference will be held at the InterContinental Hotel and Conference Center in Cleveland, Ohio from Thursday, April 14 to Saturday, April 16. It will enable fellows from the United States and Canada to gather together and learn firsthand about new research and clinical trials.

As a research mentor, your contribution is critical to the success of this conference. You may nominate up to two candidates from your institution to submit an abstract for consideration.

We ask that you please nominate fellows that would be attending this conference for the first time. Please review the enclosed information and share it with your candidate so that he or she can identify clinical or basic science areas for which his or her data best fits.

The Call for Abstracts Website, cccfme.org/AIOT, along with this invitation, contains all the information necessary for your candidates to complete the application and submission process. Abstracts must be submitted no later than March 1, 2016. Abstracts will be blinded and reviewed the Conference Review Committee, which is independent of the meeting sponsor. Candidates with the highest abstract ratings will be invited to join us in Cleveland to present their work in full and to compete for the best Basic Science Abstract, Best Clinical Science Abstract and Fellows’ Choice awards. Candidates must submit an abstract based upon their own research. Please review the Guidelines for Abstract Submission section of the Web site for complete details.

Candidates will be notified of acceptance status by email no later than the week of March 7, 2016. Candidates whose abstracts are accepted by the Conference Review Committee will be provided airfare to and from Cleveland and hotel accommodations associated with attending this course.

We urge you to share the enclosed information with your candidate; have him or her closely follow the directions for abstract submission and meet all the applicable deadlines. We look forward to a spirited 2016 conference.

Sincerely,

John Fung, MD, PhD
Mark L. Barr, MD

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Abstract Submission

Submission guidelines and general conference information are posted at cccfme.org/AIOT

Abstract Submission deadline: March 15, 2016

- Blinded abstracts will be reviewed by Conference Review Committee
- The abstract candidates with the highest ratings will:
  - Be invited to present a brief oral presentation of their work in Cleveland
  - Receive airfare and hotel accommodations for this conference sponsored by Sanofi
  - Be eligible to compete for: Best Basic Science Abstract, Best Clinical Science Award and the Fellows’ Choice Award. Winners will receive $500 for each award.

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