

## METHODIST DEBAKEY CARDIOVASCULAR JOURNAL OFFERS SPECIAL THANKS TO GUEST EDITORS BIANA GODIN AND MAURO FERRARI



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The *Methodist DeBakey Cardiovascular Journal* extends a heartfelt thanks to Biana Godin (Vilentchouk), Ph.D., M.Sc., and Mauro Ferrari, Ph.D., for serving as guest editors of this special issue on nanomedicine.

Dr. Godin is an assistant member of The Methodist Hospital Research Institute, adjunct assistant professor at the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in Houston and adjunct assistant professor at the department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at University of Houston. She earned her Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 2006, during which time she focused on designing a noninvasive nanotherapy for skin-deep infections and on nasal delivery of proteins. She was recruited to the research team of Dr. Mauro Ferrari at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, where she studied injectable multistage nanovectors for cancer treatment and imaging. During those 3 years of postdoctoral research, Dr. Godin published numerous book chapters and peer-reviewed articles and reviews in top journals including *Nature Nanotechnology* and *Cancer Research*. Dr. Godin has authored more than 120 scientific publications and has received numerous awards for her research. In October 2010, she joined the Department of Nanomedicine at the Research Institute, where she designs innovative therapeutic systems and is one of the key team members on two multicenter, multi-investigator National Cancer Institute grants. Her research interests include nanomedicine applications in oncology, cardiology and infectious diseases.

Dr. Mauro Ferrari serves as president and CEO of The Methodist Hospital Research Institute and holds the Ernest Cockrell Jr. Distinguished Endowed Chair. He is also professor of biomedical engineering medicine at the Weill Cornell Medical College, president of the Alliance for NanoHealth in Houston, and holds professorships at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Rice University, The Tecnologico de Monterrey School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Monterrey, Mexico, and the University of Naples "Federico II" in Naples, Italy. Dr. Ferrari is a founder of biomedical nano/microtechnology, especially in their applications to drug delivery, cell transplantation, implantable bioreactors, and other innovative therapeutic modalities. He has published more than 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and books and has invented more than 30 issued patents. His contributions have been recognized with a variety of accolades, such as the Presidential Young Investigator Award of the National Science Foundation and the Shannon Directors Award of the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Ferrari began his academic career at the University of California, Berkeley, where he tenured in material science, civil engineering, and bioengineering. Upon recruitment to the Ohio State University, he served as the Edgar Hendrickson Professor of Biomedical Engineering and held numerous other positions in the fields of internal medicine, mechanical engineering, materials science, and health sciences technology and commercialization. He was also associate director of the Dorothy M. Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute and director of the Biomedical Engineering Center. Dr. Ferrari also served as Special Expert on Nanotechnology at the National Cancer Institute from 2003 to 2005, providing leadership into the formulation, refinement, and approval of the NCI's Alliance for Nanotechnology in Cancer, currently the world's largest program in medical nanotechnology.



### Dr. William L. Winters Jr. Honored by the American College of Physicians' South Texas Chapter

William L. Winters Jr., M.D., was recognized with the 2011 Laureate Award bestowed by the South Texas Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Presented last November at the Texas Chapter's

annual scientific meeting in Austin, the Laureate Award honors those fellows and masters of the College who have exhibited abiding commitment to excellence in medical care, education, or research and service to their community and their chapter of the American College of Physicians. In addition to being the editor-in-chief of the

*Methodist DeBakey Cardiovascular Journal*, Dr. Winters holds the John S. Dunn Foundation Chair for Clinical Cardiovascular Research and Education at The Methodist Hospital and is director of The Methodist Hospital Education Institute as well as a clinical professor at Weill Cornell College of Medicine. The South Texas Chapter also presented the Laureate Award to another Methodist Hospital physician, John McKechnie, M.D., a gastroenterologist who serves as the associate program director of The Methodist Hospital's Internal Medicine Residency Program and is also a clinical professor at Weill Cornell College of Medicine. Both physicians were nominated by the ACP's awards committee and are long-standing ACP fellows and supporters with acknowledged excellence and peer approval in the field of internal medicine. In addition, both physicians have served their chapter with distinction and are recognized for upholding the values and professional standards for which the College is known.