2005 ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Sixty former fellows joined VU cardiology faculty in Nashville for the 6th annual meeting of the Friesinger Society. Attendees gathered for 2 days of CME presentations, heard from the Chancellor and Dean Gabbe and attended several social events over the 3 day meeting. Dr Gottlieb C. Friesinger was honored at dinner at Hillwood Country Club on Friday night with the announcement of an endowed chair in his name. Guest Speaker was Dr. Robert L. Frye from the Mayo Clinic. This project had been launched by the Society in 2000 and over 1/3 of the former fellows made gifts/pledges to the chair. As a Society, they voted to meet off campus in April 2006.

Save the Date!
7th Annual GCF Society
April 20-22, 2006
The Ritz-Carlton Lodge, Reynolds Plantation Greensboro, GA

Don’t Forget…
to visit the GCF Society Website with any updates you might have.
www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/alum-affairs
New GCF Society Members

We welcome Honorary Members elected at the 2005 meeting.

Margaret M. Brennan, MD
Robert L. Frye, MD

A new category of membership was created—Friend of the GCF Society.

Allison C. Byrd
Carole N. Kirkland
Holly L. Walsh

Heart Rhythm Society Honors VUMC’s Roden

Dan M. Roden, M.D., William Stokes Professor of Experimental Therapeutics, was recently honored in New Orleans with the 2005 Distinguished Scientist Award.

The award honors an individual who has made major contributions to the advancement of scientific knowledge in the field of cardiac pacing and/or cardiac electrophysiology. Roden leads Vanderbilt’s participation in the Pharmacogenetics Research Network, a National Institutes of Health-funded initiative to understand how genetic variation contributes to individual differences in drug responses.

The Vanderbilt program focuses on arrhythmias—especially discovering the genetic variants that affect electrical activity in the heart and understanding how those variants influence responses to drug therapy.

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