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The ASE Foundation has had a wonderful spring 2017, both from a fundraising perspective and in opportunities to give back to the profession we all love.

On Valentine’s Day, eight ASE members honored their mentors and those they most respect in the field with $1575 in donations to the Foundation. And 20 donors made our second Spring Giving Day a rousing success, donating $7012 to Foundation projects.

As I write this I am just back from our latest event, our visit to Havana, Cuba, where advanced training of healthcare practitioners to improve patient care and guideline dissemination were the primary focus. We also had the bonus of an opportunity for amazingly rich cultural and educational exchange. Cuba is a warm place in weather and human spirit, and there is nothing like experiencing the island in person; no story can compare. I was most impressed by the hospitality of our Cuban colleagues, their vast knowledge of cardiac imaging, and keen interest in learning so much more. It’s so gratifying to see the work of the ASE Foundation in such an intimate and tangible way!

You will have your own opportunity to see some of the Foundation’s work first-hand at the upcoming ASE Scientific Sessions in Baltimore in June! Your support of the Foundation in 2016 is providing 58 travel grants this year to sonographers, members of ASE’s four specialty councils, and research abstract presenters. Innovation in cardiovascular ultrasound is recognized with the Sonographer Investigator’s Award Competition, the Arthur E. Weyman Young Investigator’s Award Competition, the TOMTEC Innovator Research Travel Grant, and this year’s Top 25 abstract presenters. Watch for the recipients of these awards and congratulate them on their work in moving our field forward!

In addition to celebrating the accomplishments of many in our field, the Scientific Sessions also provide many of our most important fundraising opportunities for the ASE Foundation. Be sure to bring your running shoes and FitBit to Baltimore; then stop by the ASEF booth to sign up for the Cardiovascular Challenge! Log your steps while at the meeting, and you’ll have a chance at a free room night at one of the conference hotels. Thank you to our friends at Studycast for supporting this year’s challenge. You can also help “Start a Chain Reaction” by participating in a competition to see who can raise the most donation dollars for ASEF during the Scientific Sessions. You’ll have fun and meet new friends while raising money for ASEF initiatives.

On Saturday night, don your most elegant garb and walk the Red Carpet at Baltimore’s glamorous Hippodrome Theatre at the 8th Annual Research Awards Gala. Our premier fundraising event of the year, the gala honors ASE’s award recipients, offering dinner, dancing, camaraderie and fun!

Finally, take a moment to reflect on our medical global health work at the Images from the Heart photo exhibition at the ASE Foundation booth. In addition to their philanthropic work, some of our volunteers are outstanding photographers, and their views of the faces and cultures at our mission locations are not to be missed.

Thank you all for a great year so far. I hope to celebrate with you in Baltimore!
The ASE Foundation has reached **13.9%** of its $250,000 fundraising goal for the 2017 Annual Appeal, raising **$34,645.69** so far! Donors have allocated their gifts as follows:

In addition to the 827 donors who have contributed to the Annual Appeal (see page 9) we are honored to thank the following partner organizations:

### 2017 Annual Appeal Supporters

- Elsevier Inc.
- Knight Cardiovascular Institute
- McLeod Regional Medical Center
- MedStar Research Institute
- National Board of Echocardiography, Inc.
- Studycast
- Texas Children’s Hospital

### 2017 Annual Appeal Partner

Intersocietal Accreditation Commission

### 2017 Partners in Care

- Financial grant support, in-kind equipment, and logistical arrangements for global health events.
- Edwards Lifesciences Foundation
- Philips Latin America

### In-kind Research Support for the World Alliance Societies of Echocardiography (WASE) Normal Values Study

- Medidata
- MedStar Health
- TOMTEC IMAGING SYSTEMS GMBH
- University of Chicago

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- Elsevier Inc.
- National Board of Echocardiography, Inc.
- TOMTEC IMAGING SYSTEMS GMBH
- UltraEcho, Ltd.

Every gift is meaningful. Every contribution makes a difference. Show us #YourPriority at ASEFoundation.org/donate and know that 100% of every dollar given supports ASEF’s work to grow echo worldwide. Together, we can make a world of difference!
NEWS & EVENTS

You Did It! SPRING GIVING DAY RESULTS

The ASE Foundation welcomed the first day of Spring by holding its second annual Spring Giving Day on Monday, March 20. With the support of 20 donors we surpassed our $5,000 goal and raised a total of $7,012 in 24 hours! What a fantastic way to spring into our 2017 Annual Appeal.

If you missed this opportunity, it is not too late to support the Annual Appeal. What’s #YourPriority? Tell us today! (Visit ASEFoundation.org/donate)

Save the Date! 2018 SPRING GIVING DAY

Mark your calendars! The ASE Foundation will welcome the first day of spring 2018 by holding its third annual Spring Giving Day on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Plan to join us as we spring into action with a goal to raise $5,000 in 24 hours.

Gifts received on Spring Giving Day will foster the future of echocardiography by supporting scholarships and travel grants to young professionals in the field. Each and every gift you give to the ASE Foundation makes a difference in the projects you support and the people you help. 100% of all giving is allocated to charitable projects.

Can’t wait until next spring? No problem! Support the 2017 Annual Appeal with a donation to #YourPriority today! Visit ASEFoundation.org/donate
Nine ASE Foundation volunteers have recently returned from a successful three-day training event in Havana, Cuba. Led by Dr. Roberto Lang, the group included Dr. Federico Asch, Dr. Jose Banchs, Dr. Javier Ganame, Dr. Rachel Marcus, Dr. Julio Perez, Dr. Juan Carlos Plana, Danny Rivera, and Lili Lang. Dr. Juan Prohias of Havana co-chaired the conference with Dr. Lang.

Held April 6-8, the training event took place in the theatre of Hermanos Ameijeiras Hospital, the premier hospital in Havana located in a towering building that is visible from the famous Malecón seaside boulevard near the historic center. More than 300 cardiologists from throughout Cuba participated, all of whom perform echocardiography either part- or full-time. Cuban officials estimated we reached 91% of the echocardiographers in that country. The physicians located outside of Havana received support from the Cuban government for hotel accommodations as well as transportation to and from Havana to attend this event.

All talks were presented in Spanish, and included advanced topics such as strain imaging/speckle tracking, cardio-oncology, congenital heart disease, the use of echocardiography in intervention, and advances in echocardiography. The talks were recorded for future dissemination throughout Spanish speaking countries.

In addition to the ASE speakers from the US and Canada, other speakers included ASE members and alliance partners in South America – Drs. Ricardo Ronderos, Marcelo Vieira, Jorge Lowenstein, Salvador Spina, Mirta Casella, and Diego Lowenstein – and 14 speakers from Cuba, creating a unique and historic collaboration.

“I am so proud of the ASE Foundation’s efforts in Cuba,” said Dr. Roberto Lang, co-chair. “Bringing this training to Cuba would not have been possible without the efforts of many people … our North and South American speakers gave of their time and expertise, as well as self-funding their own travel to Cuba to be a part of this. The ASE Foundation provided the financial and organizational support to make this happen, and Philips Latin America provided generous financial support for our in-country expenses. And we could not have begun to take on an event like this without the tremendous efforts of Dr. Juan Prohias and his team in Havana. They took care of all the local logistics and also got the government permissions for us to undertake a project of this sort, which would have been daunting just a year ago.”

The goal of this event was a deepening relationship with a potential long-term partner in Cuba, advanced training for attendees in Cuba, improved patient care, cultural and educational exchange, and a unique and rewarding volunteer opportunity for ASE members. Mission accomplished!

Applications needed now for 2018 global humanitarian events

Have a proposal for a global humanitarian event in mind? The ASE Foundation is accepting applications now! Visit ASEFoundation.org for a proposal application today! Applications for 2018 global humanitarian events are due by July 31, 2017.
In 2014, the ASE Foundation opened application for research grant funding aimed at providing comparative evidence of the key role echocardiography plays in managing patients, and generating data demonstrating the value of using echocardiography as a cost effective, high quality, and safe tool to study temporal changes in disease. This grant was open to ASE members with a track record of high quality clinical investigation.

Victor Mor-Avi, MD, PhD, FASE at the University of Chicago was awarded the 2014 ASE Foundation Value Grant. His proposed project on fusion imaging received $200,000 over a multi-year period, making it the Foundation’s largest research grant in its history. During the upcoming ASE Scientific Sessions in Baltimore, Dr. Mor-Avi will present the results of this project. His lecture entitled “Noninvasive Assessment of the Hemodynamic Significance of Coronary Stenosis Using Fusion of 3D Echocardiography and Cardiac Computed Tomography” will take place on Monday, June 5 at 5 PM in Ballroom I-II during the YIA/Feigenbaum Plenary.

Join the ASE Foundation in Baltimore at the Annual ASE Scientific Sessions
Visit the Foundation Booth located outside of the Exhibit & Poster Hall to learn more.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM  Sign up for the Cardiovascular Challenge*
Help start a Chain Reaction with a donation to #YourPriority
ASE Foundation Booth
10:00 AM  Images from the Heart Gallery Opening
ASE Foundation Booth
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM  8th Annual ASE Foundation Research Awards Gala:
Celebrating Cardiovascular Ultrasound Research
Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center
Private event; tickets required

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
7:30 AM - 9:30 AM  Join us to congratulate the 2017 ASEF Travel Grant and Scholarship Recipients
Opening Plenary: Ballroom I-II
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Log your steps for the Cardiovascular Challenge* and check on your Chain Reaction!
ASE Foundation Booth
1:15 PM - 2:45 PM  2017 Sonographer Investigator's Award Competition, supported by the ASE Foundation Room 314-317

MONDAY, JUNE 5
1:15 PM  Last chance to log your steps for the Cardiovascular Challenge*!
Last chance to contribute to a Chain Reaction! ASE Foundation Booth
1:15 PM - 2:45 PM  Making a Difference Around the World: Echo and the ASE Foundation Room 314-317
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM  Announcement of Cardiovascular Challenge & Chain Reaction Winners
Exhibit & Poster Hall
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM  2017 Arthur E. Weyman Young Investigator’s Award Competition
ASE Foundation Research Results Lecture: “Noninvasive Assessment of the Hemodynamic Significance of Coronary Stenosis Using Fusion of 3D Echocardiography and Cardiac Computed Tomography” by Victor Mor-Avi, PhD, FASE
supported by the ASE Foundation and NBE  Ballroom I-II
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM  Meet the 2016 photographers! Last chance to view the Images from the Heart Gallery
Member Reception on the Outdoor Terrace, Level 300
We’re rolling out the red carpet for ASEF’s 8th Annual Research Awards Gala at the Hippodrome Theatre! We hope to see you there in your red carpet best! Please join us as we stroll down the Walk of Fame and thank the evening’s supporters.

7:00 - 11:00 pm | Saturday, June 3, 2017
Hippodrome Theatre at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center
Baltimore, MD
ASEFoundation.org
Are You Up For ASEF in Baltimore?

Cardiovascular Challenge

Compete with your feet! At this summer’s Scientific Sessions, sign up to participate in the ASE Foundation’s “pedometer challenge”, sponsored by Studycast! ASEF is highlighting physical activity, which can dramatically lower an individual’s risk of cardiovascular disease, improve mental health, and lower the risk of obesity related diseases. Key areas around the convention center will display step targets. We encourage you to pass on the escalator and opt for the stairs instead. After all, the top three participants will win a prize! A free hotel room night at an ASE Headquarters hotel will go to the person with the highest step total, second place will receive a $100 Amazon gift card and the person with the third highest step count will receive a limited edition ASEF hat. Make sure to check in with the ASEF Booth to log your steps taken at the Conference each day and compete to take the most steps! The winners will be announced Monday, June 5th during the afternoon break in the Exhibit and Poster Hall.

Start A CHAIN REACTION

At ASE2017, let’s start a chain reaction! The ASE Foundation will be holding a donation challenge during this year’s meeting. ASEF will designate teams comprised of two donation captains each. The captains will start their chain by each making a charitable donation towards the ASEF’s 2017 Annual Appeal. Then, they must get one person to add to their chain by making a donation of their own. That person gets another person to donate, and the chain grows! The team with the most money raised by 1:15 PM on Monday, June 5th, will win a prize so be sure to stop by the ASEF Booth to scope out the chains and show us #YourPriority with a donation! Let’s see how long those chains can get!
The ASE Foundation proudly recognizes and thanks these individuals for their leadership and support of the 2017 Annual Appeal. Every gift is meaningful. Every contribution makes a difference. Together, we will continue to make a world of difference.

2017 ANNUAL APPEAL GIVING LEVELS

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Visionary - $1000-$1499
Champion - $500-$999
Patron - $100-$499
Friend - $15-$99

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