Dear Colleagues,

I have enjoyed writing to you this year about overarching big ideas, but this month’s message is much more focused. Planning for Translational Science 2020 (TS20) is in full swing.

- The over 110 proposals submitted for the meeting are being continuously reviewed by the TS20 planning committee. We have not only great content for the meeting but also significant material for ongoing sessions during the year.

- The call for abstracts went out last week. We hope to see all our scholars in training submit proposals for posters. We would encourage faculty to also consider submitting abstracts for poster presentations this year. We have several new scholar awards under Don McClain’s leadership of the awards committee.

- The awards committee has disseminated their announcement for our prestigious set of career achievement awards. The quality of the submissions last year was amazing. The winners were recognized for their excellence but the other submissions in all categories could easily have won for their high impact on team science.

- Look for the TS20 registration announcement to come out in the next couple of weeks. Our partner organizations are also meeting at TS20. The energy of the coalition is growing. For example, the eastern section AFMR is holding their annual meeting on Friday, April 17th. We hope many AFMR members will join us that week. We will be offering a special discounted registration for AFMR trainees who wish to come to the ACTS meeting on Thursday.

Thank you to all the CTSA principal investigators who have renewed your annual membership in ACTS. We are already close to 100% renewals. We are looking forward to welcoming several new CTSA members to ACTS.

The nominations committee led by Bob Kimberly, immediate past president of ACTS, is actively engaging in a search for both officers and board members at large. The call for nominations launched earlier this week and I hope that you can identify individuals who have the time and passion to serve ACTS.

The special interest groups and the ACTS committees (membership, advocacy, and education) are very active. It’s this broad-based engagement that reflects the strengths of ACTS. I am sincerely appreciative of everyone’s work.

The financial state of ACTS is strong. We are well managed. If the meeting can reach toward our stretch goal of 1300 attendees this year the dynamic content of the offerings
will be matched by strong financial performance.

We are an inclusive and equitable organization. Your work strengthens those values.

Frederick J. Meyers, MD, MACP
President ACTS

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**Translational Science 2020**

**Award Nominations are Open**

Don't forget to take advantage of the Translational Science 2020 Awards! Nominate teams and individuals that deserve to be recognized for their valuable work and contribution in translational science. Self nominations are welcome.

Submit Nomination

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**Regulatory Science Program Survey**

The ACTS Regulatory Science Special Interest Group is asking for participation in a brief survey of existing and planned regulatory science-focused programs. This survey should be completed by individuals in your program, such as program coordinators or program directors, who are best able to provide detailed, high-level information. Please forward to others as appropriate. Only one completed survey is requested per program and the survey should take no more than 20 minutes to complete. The survey is available [here](#).

Aggregated results will be summarized and published to further enhance regulatory science and translational science training initiatives.

Take Survey

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