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## Dr. Jonathan R. Lindner Elected President of the American Society of Echocardiography

Durham, NC, June 27, 2018 – Jonathan R. Lindner, MD, FACC, FASE, has taken the helm as president of the 17,000 member American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) for a one-year term following the Society's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions, which were held this week in Nashville, TN.

Dr. Lindner addressed the members of the Society at their annual business meeting and shared his excitement for leading the Society and helping the field of cardiovascular ultrasound grow and celebrate the science of imaging. He said "I am honored and look forward to serving as ASE's 30th president. ASE is committed to improving healthcare not only in North America but worldwide



through science, innovation, technology, and education. I plan on leveraging my background as a translational scientist to make sure our society continues to shape the evolution of cardiovascular ultrasound."

Dr. Lindner is Professor of Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University where he is the Director of Cardiovascular Imaging and holds the M. Lowell Edwards Professorship of Cardiology. He has expertise in the fields of cardiovascular imaging and microvascular physiology; and is currently the principal investigator on several R01 grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and a grant from the NASA National Space and Biomedical Research Institute. His research laboratory has pioneered the use of contrast ultrasound for non-invasive molecular imaging of disease and the evaluation of microvascular function/dysfunction. Specific areas of research include: application of molecular imaging techniques for early detection of atherosclerosis and evaluation of new therapies for atherosclerosis; molecular imaging of angiogenesis and stem cell therapy; molecular imaging for early diagnosis of myocardial ischemic injury and inflammation; microvascular dysfunction and endothelial abnormalities in atherosclerosis, insulin resistance, and sickle cell disease; development of new methods for detecting and treating peripheral arterial disease, and novel approaches for therapeutic ultrasound.

Dr. Lindner received the 1997 ASE Young Investigator Award (YIA) and has since gone on to mentor six YIA winners since 1999. He has held leadership roles on a number of ASE committees including service as vice chair of the Research Committee for eight years, co-chair of the Finance Committee, and program chair of the Echo Hawaii course and the Society's first international course, Echo ASE ASEAN. He has also had the leadership responsibilities associated with the ladder that culminates in the Scientific Sessions chair position (abstract co-chair, abstract chair, Scientific Sessions co-chair), and he chaired the 2014 Scientific Sessions in Portland, OR. In addition, he has been a member of the Industry Relations, CME, and Education committees and was an abstract grader 2009-2015. He has served on the Foundation Annual Appeal Committee and has been on the *Journal of the* 

American Society of Echocardiography (JASE) Editorial Board, as an Associate Editor, since 2009. He was also a member of the Board of Directors from 2006 to 2009.

Dr. Lindner is also active in a number of other organizations, including the American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, National Board of Echocardiography, European Society of Cardiology, NIH, Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Foundation, and the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality. He is currently serving on the editorial board of *Circulation: Cardiovascular Imaging*.

He received his MD from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX, where he also completed his residency. He then completed a cardiology fellowship at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA. He is board certified in cardiovascular disease and echocardiography.

Dr. Lindner served as ASE's Vice President and President-Elect prior to ascending to President. Joining him as new members of the 2018-2019 Executive Committee are Vice President, Judy Hung, MD, FASE, from Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA; Council Representative, Wyman Lai, MD, MPH, FASE, CHOC Children's Hospital, Orange, CA; and Treasurer, Carol Mitchell, PhD, RDMS, RDCS, RVT, RT(R), ACS, FASE, University of Wisconsin Hospital, Madison, WI.

Continuing ASE officers include: President-Elect, Madhav Swaminathan, MD, FASE, from Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC; Secretary, Elizabeth McIlwain, MHS, RCS, FASE, of West Jefferson Medical Center/LCMC Health, New Orleans, LA; and Immediate Past President, Vera H. Rigolin, MD, FASE, of Northwestern Medicine, Chicago, IL.

In addition to the new officers, the ASE membership has elected the following new board of directors members to two-year terms: Jayashri Aragam, MD, FASE, West Roxbury VA Hospital, West Roxbury, MA; G. Burkhard Mackensen, MD, FASE, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA; Michael Main, MD, FASE, Saint Luke's Mid America Heart Institute, Kansas City, MO; and Elaine Shea, ACS, RCS, RCCS, FASE, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Oakland, CA, Sonography Council Steering Committee Chair.

As the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of over 17,000 physicians, sonographers, nurses, and scientists, ASE is a strong voice providing guidance, expertise, and education to its members. The Society has a commitment to improving the practice of ultrasound and imaging of the heart and cardiovascular system for better patient outcomes. For more information about ASE, visit <u>ASEcho.org</u>; or for more information about the ASE Scientific Sessions visit <u>ASEScientificSessions.org</u>.