The PA is starting to write itself. The Division’s collective humility has forced the IEIC to pry and cajole the Faculty to share their accomplishments. While I recognize the strong desire to avoid self-aggrandizing, it is important that the Division is aware of individual and group accomplishment. There is little worse than having someone from another institution provide new information about one of our faculty’s accomplishments. So, please don’t hesitate to send me news.

Enough already… The IEIC is tired of the snow and cold. When recruited here 10 years ago, the CEO promised warm winters with plenty of outdoor activities. If this does not stop soon the IEIC will soon manifest a new form of “March Madness”.

Catching up with Old Friends. The IEIC had the opportunity to meet with old friends from the University of Colorado this week. Prior to the visit, Paul and Connie Hess announced their plans to accept faculty positions at U of Colorado joining Prateeti Khazanie in their recruiting class. Former Fellow Larry Allen is there as well. Peter Buttrick (their Chief and friend of Howard Rockman) claimed that Duke is the farm team for their program. We wish Connie, Paul and Prateeti the best in Denver and hope their careers end up on the same trajectory as Larry’s. Mike Bristow provided some great reflections on his Duke connection in the Laureate’s lab learning radio-labelling.
**Bashore Recognized.** Tom Bashore was notified that he has been selected as the Duke Medical Alumni Distinguished Faculty Award this year. He joins many prominent faculty from previous years including Tom Coffman, Henry Friedman, Thomas Kinney, Edward Buckley, Mark Newman and David Epstein. This is a terrific acknowledgement of Tom’s commitment to clinical care, education, and Duke. A Fall ceremony is planned. We extend heart-felt congratulations and appreciation to Tom for all he has done to make us who we are.

**Speaking of Tom Coffman.** A farewell reception was held for Tom Coffman on Monday evening in the penthouse of the Trent Semans Center. As you know, Tom served as the Director of the CVRC and has accepted a position as the Dean of Duke-NUS. Many paid homage to Tom including Dr. Klotman, Dean Andrews and Dr. Steve Smith. Steve had polled the nephrology faculty asking for the one word that best described Tom. The most commonly cited word was “cool”. Who would have thought... We thank Tom for his scientific and leadership contributions in cardiovascular disease. Two other general thoughts: 1) someone needs to provide the IEIC with instruction taking a good picture with an iPhone (not even sure how to turn on the flash); and 2) the School needs to finish the ceiling in the Penthouse of the Trent Semans building. I did not know Mary Biddle Duke Trent Semans, but suspect visualization of the wires and duct work were not her intention.

**Congratulations to Eric Velazquez.** Eric was informed this week that he was appointed to Myocardial Ischemia and Metabolism Study Section at NIH. This 6 year appointment is recognition of Eric’s important contributions in this area of investigation. In fact, Eric has just celebrated 13 consecutive years of continuous NIH funding- inspirational and aspirational. He also authored the State of the Art paper that headlined JACC last week.
Another Duke Cardiology Textbook. Congratulations to Brian Coyne on publication of *Clinical Exercise Electrocardiography*. Contributing authors included Ruth Ann Greenfield, Michael Carboni, Jacob Kelly, Jennifer Martin, Mahesh Patel, Tiffany Randolph, Eric Velazquez and Cary Ward. This book contains nearly 400 pages of text and interactive learning. This is the third Duke text highlighted in the PA in 7 weeks. At this rate the Division will publish 22 texts this year. Not bad. Congratulations to Brian and his co-authors.

Educational Opportunities. Zubin has done a skillful job organizing our CME offerings. I encourage everyone to attend as many as possible. Upcoming events include:

- March 28 – 2nd Annual Duke Sports Cardiology & Sudden Death in Athletes Summit
- May 16 – 2nd Annual Preventive Cardiology Symposium
- June 6 – 3rd Annual Valve Symposium
- August 15 – Duke Raleigh Update in Cardiology
- September 19 – 3rd Annual Advanced Heart Failure Symposium
- September 26-27 – 1st Annual Advanced Vascular Access Symposium
- October 24 – 1st Annual Imaging Symposium

A Few Other Publication Highlights.

The Division again did well with publications in the past weeks. A few are highlighted here:


And Finally. The BHAG is coming. More to follow…