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### Dr. Allan L. Klein elected President of the American Society of Echocardiography

Morrisville, NC, June 13, 2016 – Allan L. Klein, MD, FRCP(C), FACC, FAHA, FESC, 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 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Sessions, which were held this week in Seattle, WA.



Dr. Klein addressed the members of the Society at their annual business meeting and shared his excitement for leading the Society into its second year of a three-year strategic plan that will help the field of cardiovascular ultrasound to grow and thrive. He said, "I look forward to serving as your 27<sup>th</sup> president and am prepared to work as a team to move the Society forward with a shared vision and common goals. Our strategic initiatives, including an echo registry, a leadership academy, and an expanded social media presence, will make ASE stronger and take us soaring to new heights as a Society."

Dr. Klein is Professor of Medicine at Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University. He was the Director of Cardiovascular Imaging Research for over 20 years and is currently the Director of the Center for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pericardial Diseases. He is a staff cardiologist in the Section of Cardiovascular Imaging, the Robert and Suzanne Tomsich Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, at the Sydell and Arnold Miller Family Heart & Vascular Institute at Cleveland Clinic. He serves on the Heart and Vascular Executive Committee. He has also been the Course Director/Co-Director for the Clinic's Diastology & New Technologies Courses for the last 17 years.

A Canadian by birth, Dr. Klein speaks French and English. He received his medical degree from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. He completed his clinical training at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto and the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. After completing a Cardiology Residency from the University of Ottawa Heart Institute and a Research Fellowship from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, he was appointed to Cleveland Clinic in 1989. Dr. Klein is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Medicine.

Dr. Klein has received multiple ASE Outcomes Research Awards. He was also the principal or co-principal investigator for multicenter clinical trials in atrial fibrillation involving TEE guided cardioversion; valvular heart disease; and catheter ablation and pulmonary vein flow (ROTEA). He has published key articles in such prestigious journals as the *Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, *European Heart Journal*, *Circulation*, and the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*.



Dr. Klein has authored or co-authored more than 250 peer-reviewed articles in professional journals, written 38 chapters in medical textbooks, and published more than 400 abstracts. He has chaired the ASE Clinical Recommendations for Multimodality Imaging of Pericardial Diseases. He is a co-editor of two books entitled *Diastology: Clinical Approach to Diastolic Heart Failure*, as well as *Clinical Echocardiography Review: A Self-Assessment Tool*.

He has served as the chair of a wide range of ASE committees including Guidelines and Standards, Industry Relations, Research, and as part of the writing group for the Focused Update of Echocardiographic Assessment of Diastolic Function. Dr. Klein is also on the Writing Committee for the National Board of Echocardiography and serves as a peer reviewer for more than 15 professional journals. He has graded abstracts for ASE since 2009 and also grades abstracts for the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, and the European Society of Cardiology. He is the Pericardial Disease section editor for the American College of Cardiology's online site ACC.org.

Dr. Klein previously served a one-year term as President-Elect that started in June 2015. Joining him as new members of the 2016-2017 Executive Committee are Vice President Jonathan Lindner, MD, FASE, of Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR and Council Representative Sue Phillip, RCS, FASE, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.

Continuing ASE officers include: President-Elect Vera Rigolin, MD, FASE, of Northwestern Medicine, Chicago, IL; Treasurer Benjamin Eidem, MD, FASE, of Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, MN; Secretary Deborah Agler, RCT, RDMS, FASE, of Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH; and Immediate Past President Susan Wieggers, MD, FASE, of Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

In addition to the new officers, the ASE membership has elected the following new board of directors members to three-year terms: Keith Collins, MS, RDCS, FASE, of the Froedtert/Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI; Edward Gill, MD, FASE, of the University of Colorado, Denver, CO; James Kirkpatrick, MD, FASE, of the University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA; Liza Sanchez, RCS, FASE, of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; and David Wiener, MD, FASE, of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA.

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