To: WHI Investigators  
From: WHI Steering Committee  
Date: 12/14/15  
RE: Request for proposals for scientific sessions at the May 2016 WHI Investigator meeting

The annual WHI Investigator meeting will be held on May 5-6, 2016 in Columbus, OH. The agenda for this open meeting will allow for 5 or 6 scientific sessions. We expect 3 of these to be selected as “themed” sessions and 2-3 “mixed” sessions. There will also be a poster session at the end of the first day, particularly aimed at encouraging junior investigators to participate. A separate solicitation for the poster session will be issued; sessions not selected for oral presentation will automatically be considered for the poster session unless you prefer otherwise.

The Steering Committee requests proposals from WHI Investigators for the scientific sessions:

1. For the “themed” sessions, proposals should be similar to those you might submit for organizing a session at a professional meeting and must have the following elements:
   - Topic (including relevance to WHI)
   - Session chair (confirmed) (and named discussants, if proposed)
   - Confirmed speaker(s), tentative titles, and approximate duration of each presentation
   - Generally expect to include 2-5 speakers in such a session Aim for no more than a 90 minute themed session (about 20 minutes per speaker)
   - To be considered for a themed session each of the presentations must be strong

2. For the “mixed” sessions, we will accept individual proposals for oral presentations. Again these would be similar to a submission at a scientific meeting and must have the following elements:
   - Topic (including relevance to WHI)
   - Topic presenter, title
   - Aim for a 20 minute talk

For both “themed sessions” and “mixed sessions”, topics of interest will generally either highlight recent important results from WHI and/or describe future directions that are feasible and appropriate for WHI to pursue. Proposals arising from collaboration across SIGs are welcome. Inclusion of junior or minority investigators is encouraged.

The Steering Committee will make every effort to cover travel costs for selected speakers. Given the current budget climate, however, we encourage investigators to explore other mechanisms to cover expenses.

Proposals are due to LeaEllen Ren at the CCC (lren@whi.org) by Friday, January 22, 2016. Decisions will be communicated in mid-February.

We look forward to another stimulating, productive meeting in May 2016, and we thank you in advance for your help in making this happen.