Washington, DC). This full-day program is designed for all levels of academic cardiothoracic surgeons interested in applying for grants.

The workshop will provide attendees with a better understanding of the complex nature of preparing and submitting grant proposals along with the techniques required to ensure submissions are of the highest quality. Through a didactic session, interactive panel discussions and a mock study session, attendees will work with well-known leaders in cardiothoracic surgery and NIH Staff to achieve the following:

- Create career development and training grants
- Analyze outcomes research and clinical research networks
- Assess the structure and components of a grant
- Identify extramural program and funding opportunities—NCI and NHLBI
- Understand the steps to becoming an NIH investigator

The deadline for registration is Friday, February 6, 2013.

For additional information on the workshop program, housing, and to register, please visit www.aats.org.

2015 AATS Leadership Academy Applications

Friday, April 24, 2015, Seattle, WA

For current and future CTS Division Chiefs/Department Chairs (Immediately prior to the AATS Annual Meeting)

The 2015 AATS Leadership Academy is an intensive, didactic, and interactive program for up to 20 surgeons who have demonstrated significant promise as potential future division chiefs or who have recently assumed the role of division chief. The goal of this program is to provide participants with the administrative, interpersonal, mentoring, and negotiating skills necessary to serve successfully as a division chief while also offering an opportunity to network with well-known thoracic surgical leaders who might subsequently serve as personal mentors after the conclusion of the program.

For additional information regarding the Academy, please visit www.aats.org. Interested applicants should meet the following qualifications before applying:

- Achieved the rank of Associate Professor
- Active/successful clinical surgeon
- Evidence of local institutional and/or state/regional leadership ability
- Evidence of academic productivity including peer-reviewed publications and presentations at regional or national scientific meetings
- Funded research is preferable but not essential

Applications for consideration must be submitted electronically at www.aats.org by November 30, 2014. Participants will be selected by the Leadership Academy Committee and notified no later than February 5, 2015.

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Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Editors, Dr Harvey Pass and Dr Todd Rosengart, would like to call your attention to several articles of interest in the current issue of the journal. “The 1000th VAD, the Great Rivalry, and the Grand Experiment of the Texas Medical Center,” a commentary on Dr O.H. “Bud” Frazier’s 1000th VAD implantation has been co-published in the JTCVS, Texas Heart Institute Journal, and Seminars.

Paired with this commentary authored by Editor, Dr Todd Rosengart, the “News and Views” section features an editorial written by Dr Frazier providing his firsthand experience in a piece titled, “Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Development at the Texas Heart Institute: A Personal Perspective.”

These articles, as well as the Discussion in Cardiothoracic Treatment and Care on “State of the Art: CABG” moderated by Dr John Puskas and paneled by experts Drs Harold Lazar, Michael Mack, Joseph Sabik, and David Taggart, present our readers with perspectives on bilateral ITA grafting, endoscopic conduit harvesting, hybrid procedures, and the future of OPCAB.

New online: The audio recording of the Discussion is available at http://www.semthorcardiovascsurg.com/.

The last highlighted article is a “State of the Art” article by Dr Nagashree Seetharamu from New York University Cancer Center, who discusses promising immunotherapeutic strategies non–small cell lung cancer.

Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Editor, Dr J. William Gaynor, would like to call your attention to the next issue’s featured articles. We are delighted to introduce the new “Transplant Surgery” section to Op Techs. Dr Duane Davis, the Associate Editor, has invited Drs Carmelo Milano and Jonathan Chen to describe transplant surgeries following pre-transplant mechanical circulatory support as a bridge to transplant.

Dr Benjamin Kozower, Associate Editor for the “General Thoracic” section has chosen Dr Rishindra Reddy...