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Dear Dr. Barrett-Conner:

On November 14th, the special committee that you named to consider a named lectureship for the Epidemiology Council met in New Orleans. It consisted of Drs. Blackburn, Hennekens, Lauer, and myself.

The group was enthusiastic about the possibility of a named lectureship and urges the Council to move forward with these plans.

There were a number of specific issues discussed by the Committee which are detailed below. I assume that these will need further discussion by the Executive Committee of the Council. They include:

1. It was felt that a named lectureship was the most appropriate format.
2. The November meeting is the best time for this lectureship. It will have the potential for the greatest exposure for epidemiology to clinical and other groups.
3. The lecture should last 30-40 minutes and would be associated with one of the regular sessions assigned to epidemiology. It would be targeted for one of the earlier days when attendance will be largest.
4. It was agreed that the lectureship should be named after a senior leader in the field who has made substantial contributions. A number of individuals were considered including: Drs. Blackburn, Dawber, Epstein, Kannel, Keys, Paul, Stallones, and Stamler. Ancel Keys is suggested as a person who has made major contributions to the field of cardiovascular epidemiology, was important to the founding of the Council, and is widely recognized for his quality science.

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5. The Council should select an Awards Committee to name the designated lecturer each year. This might come from the Council Executive Committee or others in the Council membership. Named lecturers should be recognized for their excellence in science and relevance of their work to the field. The topic should be in the traditional areas of the Council including observational epidemiology, and clinical trials and prevention research.
6. It was agreed that an endowment is the best method to assure that this honor be maintained over the years. Three methods of funding were considered but require further discussion by the Council. It would require about \$30k. They include: taxing of the membership, using the surplus generated by the annual meeting, and approaching private industry. There was discussion within the Committee concerning the later approach.

In summary, the Committee recommends, with enthusiasm, the concept of a named lectureship. After some of the decisions described above are made, the members would be willing to help further with this effort.

If there are other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,



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