PurPOSE OF CONFERENCE
Aging is the number one risk factor of cardiovascular disease (CVD). The sessions at this conference will discuss the implications of aging vascular systems in a host of different physiological systems, organs, and tissues. These sessions will emphasize the translation of cell and molecular observations to ex vivo and intact mammalian systems. Topics include age-related arterial disease states such as atherosclerosis, hypertension, heart failure, as well as age-related tissue and systems dysfunction that are not typically thought to be influenced by vascular function such as, cancer, metabolic syndrome, and autoimmune diseases. This conference will draw physiologists and investigators from other translational fields of study that are interested in cardiovascular function and disease.