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Candidate's Statement: I am an academic scientist investigating the basic cell biology mechanisms of tissue inflammation, fibrosis and cancer. I have been an active member of ASIP for fifteen years and have served on the Program Committee since 2010. I am honored to be nominated for the ASIP Program Committee Chair. A unique feature of ASIP is its broad reach across the spectrum of basic and clinical scientific disciplines investigating functions and diseases of different organs. I believe the major goal of the ASIP Program Committee is to take advantages of this intellectual diversity and encyclopedism of our society and bring together/cross-fertilize different research and clinical fields. The Program Committee should keep its tradition to involve the leading research experts and clinicians as well as young energetic investigators creating a balance of wisdom and enthusiasm. This will allow us not only to document, classify and disseminate important knowledge, but also predict, promote and create novel directions in the biomedical research.