Gordon F. Tomaselli, M.D., professor and director of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine’s Division of Cardiology, has been named president of the American Heart Association for its 2011–12 fiscal year beginning July 1.

At Johns Hopkins, Tomaselli also is the Michel Mirowski, M.D., Professor of Cardiology and co-director of the Heart and Vascular Institute.

Tomaselli has been an American Heart Association volunteer since 1992. In 2007 and 2008, he chaired the Program Committee of the association’s annual Scientific Sessions, the world’s premier cardiovascular science conference. In this role he introduced numerous meeting enhancements, including an International Congress, e-poster presentations and end-of-abstract sessions.

Tomaselli has chaired the association’s 2010-13 Strategic Planning Task Force and Science Advisory & Coordinating Committee, and is deputy editor of Circulation Research: Journal of the American Heart Association. He has also served in several leadership roles with the association’s Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences and Council on Clinical Cardiology.

He is board certified in cardiovascular diseases, and clinical electrophysiology and pacing. An internationally recognized expert on sudden cardiac death and heart rhythm disturbances, Tomaselli has been principal investigator of several research studies funded by the National Institutes of Health and has published more than 150 peer-reviewed research articles. He will be the 7th Johns Hopkins University faculty member to serve as AHA president.