

ORWH-SUPPORTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS FY 02

TITLE: Endometrial Cancer Biology Workshop **NCI**
AWARD: \$2,500
CONTACT: Edward Trimble, MD, MPH

Funding of this project supported the Endometrial Cancer Biology Workshop hosted by the Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, NCI to be held April 5, 2002 in San Francisco, CA. The purpose of the conference is to provide conference participants with a summary of the perceived deficiencies in our knowledge regarding endometrial cancer biology, outline a series of investigations, and list the important discoveries. Topics to be covered include Hormonal Biology, Molecular Markers, Models of Carcinogenesis and Access to Specimens.

TITLE: Joint and Muscle Dysfunction of the Temporomandibular Joint **NIDCR**
AWARD: \$5,000 (1R 13 DE014542)
CONTACT: Norm Braveman, Ph.D.

This conference is to be held May 6-8 in Bethesda, MD, is the second Scientific Meeting of the TMJ Association. Major topic areas to be addressed include: Osteoarthritis and Inflammatory-Immune Processes in Joints, Cartilage Degradation (Mechanics/Biochemistry/Metabolism), Microvascular Structure /Function of Synovial Joints and Mechanisms/Implications of Angiogenesis for Arthritis, Clinical Symptoms and Current and Emerging Therapeutic Approaches, and Skeletal Muscles and the Jaw.

TITLE: 2nd International Cervical Cancer Meeting **NCI**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Ted Trimble, M.D.

The Second International Cervical Cancer Meeting will be held in Houston, TX April 11-14, 2002. The 2nd International Conference on Cervical Cancer is an interdisciplinary conference focused on innovative research in cervical cancer. The conference is expected to attract approximately 300 participants. The 1st International Conference on Cervical Cancer” was held one year ago, organized by the same committee, and immensely successful. “The 2nd International Conference on Cervical Cancer” will touch upon subjects not addressed in the first conference including: decision science, behavioral science, optical imaging, diagnostic imaging, chemoprevention trials, innovative treatments for invasive cancer, innovative advances in the biology of cervical cancer, the role of nursing in cervical cancer prevention and treatment, and grant writing. Progress in this area will rely on the synthesis of knowledge from many fields including clinical medicine, epidemiology, fundamental optical science, biomedical engineering, medical imaging and device technology. This conference is a vehicle to facilitate the interdisciplinary interaction necessary to see ideas brought to fruition as research proposals.

TITLE: Asymptomatic Primary Hyperparathyroidism: A Perspective for the 21st Century **NIDDK**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Ron Margolis, Ph.D.

The conference is planned for April 8-9, 2002, in Bethesda, MD. This disease has a particularly high prevalence among women. In 1990 NIDDK held a Consensus Development Conference after which a consensus statement was issued (http://odp.od.nih.gov/consensus/cons/082/082_intro.htm). After 11 years, there is a need to reassess the results of that statement as it has been translated into clinical practice. In addition, several basic science advances have occurred in the years since 1990 with important implications for treatment of the disease. The workshop has been designed to consider progress in the disease since 1990. Major topics to be addressed include: Differential Diagnosis of Hypercalcemia, The Clinical Spectrum of Primary Hyperparathyroidism, Surgery in Primary Hyperparathyroidism, and Medical Management of Primary Hyperparathyroidism.

TITLE: Workshop in Pelvic Pain **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Estella Parrott, M.D., M.P.H.

This conference will be held April 8-9, 2002 in Bethesda, MD. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together a broad spectrum of experts, including clinicians and basic and translational scientists to define a multidisciplinary framework for developing a research agenda in chronic pelvic pain in women by addressing the current state of knowledge, identifying emerging issues or continuing gaps in knowledge, and exploring future opportunities for research. To address the full spectrum of research from basic science to clinical applications, the meeting will examine the diverse components of pain syndromes to discern their broad systemic effects and specific impact on the reproductive system.

TITLE: SLE: Targets for New Therapeutics **NIAMS**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Elizabeth Gretz, Ph.D.

Funding for a conference entitled Targets for New Therapeutics for SLE, a subject of high interest to researchers who study systemic lupus. Advances in basic research have made it possible to envision the possibility of new approaches in immune-modulating therapy for lupus, but actual drug development is fraught with problems, some of which might be addressed by bringing together, in one forum, those with high interest in this field.

TITLE: Minority Trainee Research Forum **NIDDK**

AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Rose Pruitt, MBA

The Minority Trainee Research Forum which will be held in San Diego, California from March 16-18, 2002. This NIH-funded scientific meeting will showcase underrepresented minority trainees in the biomedical pipeline who are committed to a research career, and who have engaged in serious research. The forum will select 72 winners from a national abstract competition: 12 post doctoral trainees, 12 Ph.D. trainees, 12 M.D./Ph.D. trainees, 12 M.D. trainees, 12 college trainees, and 12 high school trainees.

The Minority Trainee Research Forum (R13 DK 59645) goals are to enact a comprehensive scientific meeting for high school trainees, college trainees, MD trainees, PhD trainees, MD/PhD trainees, and postdoctoral trainees to showcase their biomedical research and focuses on career opportunities, to establish a national registry of trainees in the pipeline from which academia, industry, and NIH can draw to increase initiatives designed to eliminate health disparities, and to offer long-term resources to attendees and track the participants through the biomedical pipeline.

TITLE: Coming Face to Face with the Impact of Gender on Medical Care
AWARD: n.a.
CONTACT: Marianne Legato, M.D.

The ORWH and the Partnership for Women's Health at Columbia University are sponsoring the Third Annual Conference on Gender-Specific Medicine: Coming Face to Face with the Impact of Gender on Medical Care at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in DC on April 22-23. The goal of this conference is to provide an appreciation of gender differences across a variety of disease states and to review current options for treatment to an audience of primary care physicians, researchers and academic faculty.

TITLE: Add Health Users Conference **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Christine Bachrach, Ph.D.

Funds were used to support travel to the workshop for students and postdocs who are presenting papers. There are 34 papers on the for the 2002 Workshop (July 24-25) and about 7-8 methodological sessions planned. There are 21 requests for travel stipends. The papers focus on teen health and risk behaviors. Most include both males and females but some are specifically focused on girls. Last year the conference drew 200 people and, based on evaluation forms and comments from participants, was highly successful. The conference draws not only people who are working with the Add Health data but also a large contingent from NIH institutes and DHHS offices such as OPA and ASPE.

TITLE: Perinatal Mood Disorders **NIMH**
AWARD: \$5,000

CONTACT: Mary Blehar, Ph.D.

This meeting focuses on what is known about the etiology, biology of treatment and services delivery for antenatal and postnatal mood disorders (referred to hereafter as perinatal mood disorders). In all presentations, emphasis will be placed on the research and clinical evidence in relation to severe mood disorders including postpartum psychosis and less severe outpatient mood disorders.

TITLE: National Lesbian Health Conference 2002:Healing Works **OWS/DHHS**

AWARD: \$5,000

CONTACT: Suzanne Haynes

This year's National Lesbian Health Conference will bring together more than 350 healthcare providers, medial and social researchers, caregivers, clients, grassroots activists, organizers, public advocates and federal and local government officials from across the country to exchange information about all aspects of lesbian health. The goals of NLHC 2002: Healing Works! are to

Connect advocates, providers, researchers, policy makers, health educators, clients and caregivers for the purpose of networking, information sharing and support

Increase inclusion of and service to underserved populations within our own community, including people of color, disabled economically disadvantaged, seniors, youth, rural, and incarcerated.

Disseminate information on all aspects of lesbian health, including access to care, cancer, cardiovascular health, lifespan issues, mental health, STDs/HIV and AIDS, family and reproductive issues, substance abuse, provider education, current research, complimentary and alternative health care, and healthy living strategies

Increase lesbian health services, research, programming and organizations

Increase awareness of lesbian health issues among policymakers, the media, the healthcare community, the LGBT community, and the general public

TITLE: International Workshop on Autoantibodies as Predictors of Diseases

AWARD: \$5,000

CONTACT: John Ridge

This meeting will gather clinicians and basic scientists that deal with a focused group of autoimmune diseases to discuss the use of autoantibodies as predictive markers of disease. While the practical value of autoantibodies has been realized in some clinical conditions, little is

known in the majority of diseases. This meeting will address methodologies for the standardization and validation of assays that would allow their use as a predictive diagnostic tool.

Development of high throughput methodologies for those assays will also be discussed. Many rare autoimmune diseases (<200,00 affected persons in the US) are characterized by the development of autoantibodies. These diseases provide a unique challenge for performing preventive clinical trials.

TITLE: The Eighth Annual John Diggs Lecture

AWARD: \$1,500

CONTACT: Sharon H. Jackson, M.D.

The Eighth Annual John Diggs Lecture, sponsored by the National Institutes of Health Black Scientists Association, will be delivered by Olufunmilayo F. Olopade, M.B., B.S., FACP, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Committee on Genetics, Director, Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics, The University of Chicago Medical Center. The Office of Research on Women's Health has been a co-sponsor of several past NIH BSA sponsored events and will offer financial assistance for roundtrip airfare, 2 nights lodging, and an honorarium for Dr. Olopade.

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