

**ORWH-SUPPORTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS
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TITLE: International Conference on Cervical Cancer **NCI**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Edward Trimble, MD, MPH

Funding of this project supported the International Conference on Cervical Cancer hosted by the Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, NCI. The purpose of the conference was to provide conference participants with a summary of the perceived deficiencies in our knowledge regarding cervical cancer, outline a series of investigations and list the important discoveries.

TITLE: Older Adults Health Information, and the World Wide Web **NIA**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Daniel Berch, Ph.D.
INSTITUTION: SPRY

Funding of this project was used to support the cost of the Older Adults Health Information, and the World Wide Web Conference at NIH on February 26-28, 2001. The three-day conference brought together leaders in the fields of technology, aging, policy and health.

The goals of the conference were:

- Identify the basic applied cognitive and behavioral research being conducted to increase the use of computers and the World Wide Web (WWW) by older adults, their caregivers and health service providers;
- Identify key impediments that older adults face as they use the WWW to access health information; and present possible solutions to these impediments through a cross-fertilization of ideas between researchers in cognition, aging, computer use and design, and health information providers;
- Address current issues on presenting quality health information on the WWW to older adults and their caregivers;
- Increase knowledge of how to develop local/regional applications of new research findings' this goal to be addressed in the Day One workshops on topics such as accessing health Web sites for older adults, designing health Web sites for older adults, and educating older adults about how to use Web sites to gather health information.

TITLE: FASEB Research Conference on Autoimmunity **NIAID**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Larry Prograis, MD
INSTITUTION: FASEB

Funding of this project was used to support the cost of the FASEB Research Conference on Autoimmunity. The conference will focus on relevant autoimmune diseases including diabetes, multiple sclerosis, lupus, arthritis, myasthenia gravis, myocarditis and other autoimmune disorders. Strengths of this meeting include the need to bring investigators together because the autoimmunity field is rapidly changing, and the outstanding caliber of the organizers. The meeting focused on the latest developments in the field of autoimmunity; especially how recent advances in basic immunology and cell biology have influenced the field of autoimmunity.

The major topics for the conference are:

- Autoantigen Responses in Autoimmunity
- Central and Peripheral Tolerance
- The Role of Infection in Autoimmunity
- B Cell Activation and Autoimmunity
- Mechanism of Peripheral Counter-Regulation
- Antigen Presenting Cells in Shaping Pathogenic T Cell Repertoire
- The Role of the Innate Immune System in Autoimmunity
- Cytokines and Autoimmunity, and
- Immunotherapy

The conference presented a comprehensive view of basic immunological mechanism related to autoimmunity, as well as mechanism involved in the autoimmune process, and immune intervention.

TITLE: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Conference **NIAID**
AWARD: \$37,500
CONTACT: Keith Lamirande

Funding of this project was used to support the cost of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Conference. The conference will be devoted to seven topical areas, they include: (1) Neuroendocrinology, (2) Cognition, (3) Chronic Pain, (4) Sleep, (5) Immunology, (6) Orthostatic Intolerance/Neurally Mediated Hypotension, (7) Fatigue, Functional Status, and Disability

The goals for this meeting were to:

- Focus on CFS research areas in which information is both most mature and exciting;
- Summarize what we know and identify important gaps in our knowledge;

- Garner the perspective of expert investigators not currently working on the problem of CFS; and
- Identify expert investigators who might be attracted to Study CFS as a clinical problem.

TITLE: Health Disparities in Arthritis & Musculoskeletal & Skins Diseases - A Scientific Conference **NIAMS**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Reva Lawrence

Funding of this project will be used to support NIAMS Health Disparities Conference. The purpose of this conference are to:

- Highlight current knowledge on genetic and environmental factors that play a role in the marked differences in the prevalence, morbidity and disability associated with specific rheumatic, musculoskeletal and skin conditions in various populations;
- Identify challenges and emerging opportunities for research in these areas; and
- Highlight intervention strategies that could provide models for reducing these disparities.

TITLE: 2001 Add Health Users Conference **NICHD**
& Skins Diseases -- A Scientific Conference
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Christine Bachrach, Ph.D.

Funding of this project will be used to support the 2001 Add Health Users Conference. The purpose of this conference is to draw together users of the Add Health data to discuss research goals, findings, and issues.

Discussion of the conference/workshop will include:

- Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Violence
- Sexual Behavior
- Measurement and Modeling
- The use of Add Health special design feature
- Researchers information sharing, their findings, and their methodological approaches

TITLE: 6th International Conference on the Extracellular Matrix of the Female Reproductive Tract **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Phyllis Leppert, M.D.

Funding of this project was used to support the 6th International Conference on the Extracellular Matrix of the Female Reproductive Tract. The conference focussed on the uniqueness of the adult female reproductive tract, from ovulation to gestation, parturition, involution and through menopause, and how the extracellular matrix plays a critical role in physiology.

TITLE: Endometriosis: Emerging and Intervention Strategies **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Estelle Parrott, MD

Funding of this project was used to support the Endometriosis: Emerging and Intervention Strategies workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to formulate a framework for a basic science, translational, and clinical research agenda on endometriosis. This workshop brought together a multidisciplinary group of clinicians, endocrinologists, immunologists, reproductive and developmental biology investigators and other experts in the field to examine issues critical to endometriosis.

The meeting featured scientific presentations that addressed the current state of knowledge, recent findings, emerging issues or continuing gaps in knowledge, which served as a catalyst for discussion during the final session on future research directions.

TITLE: Clinical Pharmacology during Pregnancy: Addressing Clinical Needs through Science **FDA**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Margaret Ann Miller, Ph.D., DBAT
INSTITUTION: Food and Drug Administration

Funding of this project supported the Clinical Pharmacology during Pregnancy: Addressing Clinical Needs through Science Conference. The purpose of the conference was to raise awareness of the need for more information on the proper use and effectiveness of prescription medications in pregnant women. The goals of the conference were:

- To summarize the state of knowledge regarding clinical pharmacology in pregnancy
- To raise awareness among clinician researchers and leaders about the need for clinical research and collaboration in this area; and
- To garner support for such research from health advocacy groups and other.

TITLE: The American Society for Cell Biology (ASBC) Meeting **NIEHS**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Elizabeth Marincola
INSTITUTION: The American Society for Cell Biology

Funds for this project was used to support the ASBC career programs for the 40th Anniversary meeting. Topics of the meeting focused on:

- Negotiation strategies
- Women in Cell Biology Committees
- The unwritten rules for advancing your career
- Transitions to independence: A discussion of training in cell biology for today's job market

TITLE: The Science of Mind-Body Interactions Conference **NIMH**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Dr. Robert Roser
Mind Brain Body and Health Initiative

Funding for this project was used to support the Science of Mind-Body Interactions Conference. This was an interactive conference to discuss scientific topics that include addressing various cutting-edge questions and answers in mind-body science. Discussions included the exploration of the latest advances and emerging concerns about mind-body connections.

TITLE: Using Research to Inform Patients of Breast Cancer Surgery Options **AHRQ**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Cindy Lunley
INSTITUTION: Agency for Health Research Quality

Funding of this project supported "Using Research to Inform Patients of Breast Cancer" conference. The conference is part of a new project of the National Center for Policy Research (CPR) for Women and Families, which is designed to ensure that breast cancer patients and their health care providers are aware that research indicates that breast-conserving surgery, combined with radiation, is safe and effective for the treatment of most women with early stage breast cancer.

The purpose of the conference is to bring clinicians, advocates, and consumers together to develop several strategies to improve patient's access to accurate information, so that women with early stage of breast cancer and ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) receive research-based information that fully informs them of their surgical options.

TITLE: The National Lesbian Health Conference 2001: **OWH/DHHS**
Challenges of the New Millennium

AWARD: \$5,000

CONTACT: Susanne Haynes, Ph.D.

INSTITUTION: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Women's Health

Funding for this conference will be used to support the National Lesbian Health Conference 2001: Challenges of the New Millennium.

Conference topics include:

- Cancer and Tobacco Use
- Substance Abuse: Prevention and Treatment
- Mental Health: Trauma Recovery, Domestic Violence, and Hate Crimes
- Wellness and Nutrition including Weight, Exercise, Alternative Medicines
- STDs and HIV/AIDS
- Life Space Issues: Youth, Mid-Life, Seniors
- Disability/Impairments/Immune Disorders
- Family Issues: Maybe Baby, Insemination, Parenting
- Access to Care
- Underserved Populations: Racial/Ethnic Minorities, Bisexual and Transgendered, and Rural

TITLE: A Generational Journey: Women Carrying the Vision; **SAMHSA**
Common Issues, United Voices Conference

AWARD: \$7,500

CONTACT: Duiona Baker

INSTITUTION: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

Funding for this project was used to support "A Generational Journey: Women Carrying the Vision; Common Issues, United Voices at SAMHSA's 3rd National Conference on Women, June 18-21, 2001.

TITLE: Treatment of Salivary Gland Disorders: **NIDCR**
Alternative Approaches An International Conference

AWARD: \$5,000

CONTACT: Guo Zhang, Ph.D.

Funding for this project will be used to support the Treatment of Salivary Gland Disorders: Alternative Approaches An International Conference.

TITLE: Native American Cancer Survivors/ Thrivers Conference **OMH/DHHS**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Linda Burhabnsstipanov, M.S.P.H., Ph.D., CHES
INSTITUTION: Native American Cancer Research

Funding for this project will be used to support The Native American Cancer Survivors’/Thrivers Conference. The two-day conference will include:

- The National Native American Cancer Survivors’ Support Network
- Dealing with cancer pain – traditional and contemporary adaptations
- Traditional Indian medicine and healing from cancer
- Physical activity/therapy and recovery from cancer and cancer treatments
- Update on cancer treatments
- Palliative care and end of life issues.

TITLE: Concepts and Strategies to Actively Monitor the Risk of Medication in Pregnancy: Enhancing Post-Marketing Surveillance **CDC**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Janet D. Cragan, MD
INSTITUTION: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Funding was used to support the CDC and Prevention workshop on Post-Marketing Surveillance.

TITLE: Dietary Supplement Use in Women of Reproductive Age: What do We Know **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Daniel Raiten

Funding for this project was used to support a two-day conference/workshop involving 15-20 scientists to present current data/research in both U.S. and international populations. The goal of the conference is to develop a focused research program.

TITLE: Intercultural Cancer Council 8th Biennial Symposium **NCI**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Dr. Diana Jeffrey

Funding for this project was used to support the Intercultural Cancer Council 8th Biennial Symposium.

TITLE: Stigma & Global Health: Developing a Research Agenda **FIC**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Karen Hoffman

Funding for this project was used to support the Stigma & Global Health: Developing a Research Agenda international conference.

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AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Linda Burhansstipanov
INSTITUTION: Native American Cancer Research

Funding for this project was used to support the Native American Cancer Survivors/Thrivers Conference. Purpose for conference: To provide a forum for Native American cancer survivors to address issues related to cancer treatments, quality of life, and recovery. Likewise, family members and loved ones of cancer survivors will have the opportunity to discuss support-issues, perceived personal cancer risks (e.g., first degree relatives), and long-term support-coping strategies.

TITLE: ADA Session “Do Herbal Products Affect Quality of Life **ODS**
Issues for Women?”
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Dr. Rebecca Costello

Funding for this conference was used to support the Office of Dietary Supplements ADA conference. The conference brought together experts in the field of botanical to present current safety and efficacy information on herbs for women’s quality of life issues, including menopause, premenstrual syndrome, depression and dementia.

TITLE: The Role of Innate Immunity in the Etiopathology of Autoimmune **NIAID**
Diseases
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Belinda Ash-Shaheed

This program brought together researchers working in innate immunity and autoimmune diseases to identify new research opportunities regarding the role of innate immunity in the etiopathology of autoimmune diseases.

TITLE: Animal Models of Autoimmune Diseases – Are Current Models Adequate? **NIAID**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Belinda Ash-Shaheed
INSTITUTION: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

This meeting brought together experts in animal models and clinical researchers to explore the strengths and weaknesses of each animal model, and determine if other models can and need to be developed to efficiently translate animal studies to humans.

TITLE: Third International Conference on Women’s Health **NCI**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Dr. Sheila Zahm

This scientific program will include occupational asthma, women’s work and health, musculoskeletal disorders, use and ethics of biomarkers in occupational health studies, and job insecurity and precarious employment.

TITLE: Differential Drug Use, HIV/AIDS, and Related Health Outcomes Among Racial and Ethnic Populations **NIDA**
AWARD: \$5,000
CONTACT: Dr. Dionne J. Jones

The goal is to critically examine the current knowledge about drug abuse, HIV/AIDS and associated social, medical and health consequences within and across racial and ethnic minority populations. The workshop will focus on gender issues, women’s health and research.