

ORWH FY00 SUPPORTED CONFERENCES

TITLE: Workshop on Circadian Disruption as Endocrine Disruption in Breast Cancer **NCI**

AWARD: \$5,000

LOCATION: Natcher Center/NIH, Bethesda, MD, March 20-21, 2000

The purpose of this workshop was to explore the hypothesis that various aspects of modern life, such as diet, electric lighting in the built environment, and occupation, may disrupt normal circadian physiological cycling and to examine how this disruption may, in part, explain the high risk of breast cancer in industrialized societies. The Workshop offered an opportunity for scientists from diverse disciplines and breast cancer activists to interact on a common theme. The results informed the scientific and breast cancer advocacy communities, as well as the general public, about a new direction in breast cancer research. Workshop participants developed recommendations for future research on circadian disruption and documented those aspects of daily life that were shown, or could be surmised, to alter pineal function. Participants included scientists, breast cancer activists, selected science journalists, and members of the public.

TITLE: Retreat on Translational Research in Gynecologic Cancer **NCI**

AWARD: \$10,000

LOCATION: Chantilly, Virginia, May 4-7, 2000

The purpose of the retreat was to bring together basic scientists, clinical scientists, and NCI/NIH and federal program staff so that we could facilitate the translation of new research into prevention, screening, early diagnosis, and treatment of gynecologic malignancies. The diseases under focus include epithelial ovarian cancer, endometrial carcinoma, and HPV-associated diseases of the cervix, vagina, and vulva.

TITLE: Ovarian Cancer Screening Meeting **NCI**

AWARD: \$2,500

LOCATION: Natcher Center/NIH, Bethesda, MD, September 6, 2000

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss current screening trials, design and status; pathologic, morphologic, and cytopathologic endpoints; update on imaging; and evaluation of markers in serum collections.

TITLE: Graylyn Conference on Women's Health **NIA**

AWARD: \$5,000

LOCATION: Wake Forest, NC, October 12-13, 2000

The purpose of the conference is to review and integrate the body of knowledge concerning the effects of estrogen on both arterial and venous thrombosis and its effects on vascular inflammation.

TITLE: Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator (SERMs) Workshop **NIA**

AWARD: \$5,000

LOCATION: Bethesda, MD, April 26-28, 2000

This workshop explored the state of the science on SERMs in the general sessions and in the working groups to identify new areas of research. The overarching objective of the workshop was to identify pivotal questions and formulate future projects in SERM research that cross disease boundaries and potentially incorporate multiple disease endpoints up front.

TITLE: Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Conference (CFS) State of Science Conference **NIAID**

AWARD: \$37,000

LOCATION: Rosslyn, Virginia, October 23-24, 2000

The goals for this meeting are fourfold: (1) to focus on CFS research areas where information is both mature and exciting; (2) to summarize what we know, and what are the most important gaps in our knowledge; (3) to get the perspective of expert investigators who are not currently working on the problem of CFS; and (4) to identify expert investigators who might be attracted to study CFS as a clinical problem. The remainder of the conference was devoted to seven topical areas: neuroendocrinology, cognition, chronic pain, sleep, orthostatic intolerance/neurally-

mediated hypotension, immunology, and fatigue/functional status/disability.

TITLE: Research Opportunities on Inflammatory Myopathies **NIAMS**
AWARD: \$5,000
LOCATION: NIH Campus, April 5-6, 2000

The goal of the workshop was to provide a forum for researchers in the areas of myositis, muscle biology and immunology to review the current status of research on inflammatory myopathies and explore potential new avenues of research.

TITLE: World Congress on Osteoporosis 2000 **NIAMS**
AWARD: \$5,000
LOCATION: Chicago, IL, June 15-18, 2000

The world's preeminent researchers and physicians met to discuss the latest research findings and clinical strategies from the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis. This was the first World Congress on Osteoporosis to be held in the U.S. The program featured topics such as sources of bone fragility and bone loss, global assessment of fracture risk; genetics; steroid induced osteoporosis; nutrition and bone disease; estrogens and progestins; men with osteoporosis; bone-forming agents; selective estrogen-receptor modulators; and bisphosphonates.

TITLE: Terminology Workshop for Researchers in Female Pelvic Floor Disorders **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000
LOCATION: Rockville, MD, December 13-14, 1999

The objectives of the Workshop were to develop standardized terminology for researchers in female pelvic floor disorders, and, for the areas of which agreement cannot be reached, to identify specifically what further research is required to provide information to resolve issues of disagreement. The broad topics that were considered included definitions of the clinical conditions themselves, symptom assessment, anatomic measures, diagnostic testing, definition of a cure after intervention, morbidity, and economic issues.

TITLE: The Ovary: Genesis, Function and Failure **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000
LOCATION: Natcher Center/NIH, Bethesda, MD, March 30-31, 2000

The purpose of the meeting was to identify the existing gaps in knowledge regarding ovarian organogenesis, ovarian function, and ovarian failure.

TITLE: Add Health Users Workshop **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000
LOCATION: Bethesda, MD, August 1-2, 2000

The meeting provided scientists who were analyzing questions related to adolescent health using Add Health data the opportunity to share experiences and results with other Add Health project staff.

TITLE: Ethics of Fetal Surgery **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000
LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda, MD, July 16-18, 2000

The impetus for this conference was a concern that interventions that may or may not have yet been proven effective were being performed for non lethal as well as lethal defects in the fetus. The procedures presented very complex ethical questions. In addition to the concerns about whether the procedures were still research or therapy, there were questions concerning the rights and risks to two separate individuals, the mother and the fetus. Making sure the mother is well informed of risks and benefits to herself and her child was just one of the major issues addressed at the conference.

TITLE: Nausea and Vomiting of Pregnancy (NVP) **NICHD**
AWARD: \$5,000

LOCATION: Washington, D.C., September 20-21, 2000

Nausea and Vomiting complicate up to 70 percent of pregnancies. Hyperemesis gravidarum, a pernicious form of nausea and vomiting is associated with weight loss, ketonemia, electrolyte imbalance, dehydration, and possible hepatic and renal damage. It may persist throughout pregnancy. Several treatments have been tried but the results have not been satisfactory. This workshop will bring together experts to discuss causes and potential treatments and to help identify promising research areas to be explored.

TITLE: First Annual Scientific Meeting of the TMJ Association **NIDCR**

AWARD: \$5,000

LOCATION: Bethesda, MD, May 22-23, 2000

The meeting explored basic science topics relevant to understanding deep joint and muscle pain and dysfunction, as exemplified by temporomandibular joint diseases and disorders. This meeting was an interdisciplinary gathering bringing together experts in arthritis, TMJ pathology, bone, joint, and muscle physiology, neuroscience, pain, genetics, endocrinology, immunology, and tissue repair/engineering.

TITLE: bio films 2000 Conference **NIDCR**

AWARD: \$5,000

LOCATION: Montana, Summer 2000

This meeting brought together the leaders in bio film research to discuss improved strategies to diagnose, prevent and treat biofilm-associated infectious diseases.

TITLE: Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: Basic Biology, Intervention and Treatment **NIEHS**

AWARD: \$5,000

LOCATION: Research Triangle Park, NC, September 17-18, 2000

The purpose of the meeting is to bring together a multidisciplinary group of scientists and clinicians working on the etiology and mechanism of PCOS in order to define the state-of-the-art knowledge, data gaps and future research directions for NIEHS and other ICs.

TITLE: Young Women's Summit on Health Issues **PHS/OWH**

AWARD: \$5,000

LOCATION: Arlington, VA, August 3-5, 2000

This one day summit was a youth-focused, youth-driven, and youth-determined meeting about critical issues involving young women's health. Young women involved with HIV/AIDS, violence against women, STDs, and teen pregnancy were provided a forum in which they could form connections with other women, raise awareness among themselves about such issues, and strategized about empowering and educating the young people of their own communities.

TITLE: Healing Works: The First National Conference on Lesbians and Cancer **PHS/OWH**

AWARD: \$5,000

LOCATION: Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., September 21-23, 2000

The conference is a groundbreaking event that will bring together healthcare providers, medical and social researchers, government officials, caregivers, cancer survivors, grassroots activists, and public policy advocates. The goal of the Conference is to exchange information about all aspects of lesbians and cancer, to increase programming, research, funding, and the proliferation of service for lesbians with cancer across the country.