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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Bethesda staff of the AAI and *The JI* wishes to thank AAI members and other scientists who sent kind expressions of concern after September 11. We received notes, emails and calls from coast to coast and as far away as Korea. Many were touchingly concerned for the safety and well-being of staff, and others expressed sympathy and concern for our entire nation.

While we recover and adjust to a new life, it is heartening to know that the community of science is joined by compassion and concern for its colleagues. The AAI will strive to provide timely and uninterrupted continuation of its activities. While supporting the nation's leaders in their efforts to keep U.S. cities and residents safe, AAI will continue to encourage decision makers to not lose sight of support for basic and clinical research. This investment is needed now perhaps more than ever.

I would like to close with a message received from the British Society for Immunology; I think it is meant for all of us.

- Michele Hogan

September 12, 2001

Dear Dr. Allison:

As the representative for the British Society for Immunology and on behalf of our members, I would like to extend to you our support and sympathy following the terrorist attack on the US yesterday. This has shocked us deeply in Britain. I am lost for words to describe the feelings of outrage and genuine concern. It is difficult enough for us to come to terms with the recent events and must be hundreds of times more difficult for you. If there are practical ways that we might help, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will see what can be done here.

The world order has been severely perturbed and it is important to re-stabilize the system as quickly as possible. Our thoughts in Britain are with you.

Sincerely,

Eric B Bell
General Secretary for the BSI

FOCUS ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The calamitous events of September 11 have changed the world, and the political world perhaps more than many. The leadership and staff of AAI wish to express our heartfelt sympathies to those who have lost relatives or friends to these heinous acts. And while we are immensely grateful that no one on the AAI or FASEB staff was harmed, we remain shocked, horrified, saddened, and very much affected as our city responds to this tragic loss of life and security at the Pentagon, in New York, and in Pennsylvania.

Like the rest of the nation, we stopped in our tracks on September 11. And while we resumed business in relatively short order, many things have changed. Just two short months ago, I was reporting to you on the likely size of any budget surplus, on the refusal of members of Congress to use Social Security funds to fund government programs (the so-called Social Security "lockbox"), and on President Bush's controversial decision regarding stem cell research. Every single one of those issues has taken a back seat to the essential issues facing a nation at war.

President Bush and other political leaders have urged Americans to resume our ordinary lives and go about our usual business, even as they address the needs of victims and prepare the rest of us for the difficult road that lies ahead. For those of us in public/government affairs, that has been a real challenge, both because of the anthrax attack on Capitol Hill (temporarily halting the delivery of mail and closing the House and Senate office buildings) and because Congress is focused intently, and appropriately, on our many national security needs, including the war effort. Under the circumstances, many of our concerns seem less immediate, if not small by comparison. Immediately following the Sept.11 terrorist attack, the AAI Committee on Public Affairs, led by Jeff Frelinger, suspended all of our public activities. We were not alone: there was virtually no lobbying on Capitol Hill, save for the airline industry, in the weeks following Sept. 11. And while AAI is slowly resuming contacts with Congress, we want Members of Congress to know first and foremost that we understand the difficult challenges they

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face and the huge responsibility they bear; and that - to the extent we can - we stand ready to help.

In this regard, we urge any AAI members who have an expertise in bioterrorism (including vaccine development) to contact me to let me know of your availability and area of expertise. If we find that you can be helpful to Members of Congress or their staff on a given issue, we will contact you. Please respond to me at lgross@aai.faseb.org.

With all of that said, there are developments to report on other matters of importance to us:

1. appropriations - As of this writing, the House of Representatives has approved a $396.2 billion appropriations bill for FY 2002. The bill includes an increase of $2.579 billion for the National Institutes of Health, for a total FY 2002 budget of $22.875 billion. While this amount is less than the $3.4 billion that is needed to ensure the doubling of the NIH budget over five years (FY 2002 is year 4), this increase represents the largest one-year increase in NIH history. The bill was passed with little debate, as Members held back controversial amendments to avoid divisiveness at this sensitive time.

As of this writing, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education has approved a bill containing the full $3.4 billion requested by AAI and the biomedical research community to complete the doubling of the NIH budget by year 5 (FY 2003). While the Senate has not yet acted, and while any Senate bill would then have to be conferenced with the bill passed by the House of Representatives, we are hopeful that the final version of the legislation approved by Congress will represent a substantial increase in NIH funding and allow important biomedical research to continue.

2. data quality - On September 27, the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released final guidelines designed to improve the quality of information that federal agencies use and disseminate to the public. The guidelines, which were issued following a public comment period, apply to "facts, statistics, and technical information used by government officials and the public." OMB was required to issue guidelines by a provision contained in the FY 2001 Treasury-Postal appropriations bill; the guidelines will go into effect on October 1, 2002.

AAI worked with FASEB to develop a letter transmitting our concerns about the proposed guidelines to OMB. (See http://www.faseb.org) The letter, which was signed by AAI member and FASEB President Robert Rich, expresses concern over numerous terms which were not originally defined, including the "quality," objectivity," "utility," and "integrity" of information.

The final guidelines released by OMB (see http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/pubpress/2001-39.html) address many of AAI's and FASEB's concerns, including the need for greater specificity (for example, OMB announced that the final guidelines clarify that "objectivity is related to accuracy, utility to usefulness to the public, and integrity to security, privacy, and confidentiality.") Neither FASEB nor AAI plans to submit additional comments. AAI will, however, have the opportunity to comment on NIH's data quality guidelines when the agency develops its own guidelines over the next year.

3. bioterrorism - Numerous Congressional committees have held hearings on the threat of bioterrorism, which has received heightened attention since both the terrorist attacks of September 11 and numerous instances of exposure to and infection from anthrax. Various bills have been introduced in an effort to address these threats and considerable money is likely to be allocated to both CDC for prevention/detection activities and to the individual states to support emergency response teams and infrastructure improvement. It is possible that additional funds may be appropriated to NIH, specifically for the purpose of research involving bioterrorism.

4. foreign student visas - On September 27, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) announced her intention to introduce legislation to reform the U.S. student visa program. Feinstein's laudable goal was to prevent the use of student visas by potential terrorists seeking entry to the United States. The most worrisome aspect of her proposed legislation was a 6-month moratorium on student visas; this proposal was of great concern to AAI and to many educational institutions. On October 4, AAI President (and California resident) Jim Allison wrote a letter to Sen. Feinstein describing the deleterious effect such a moratorium would have on ongoing research in many institutions throughout the country, and urging her to drop this portion of her bill. (See letter on the next page.) (AAI Past President and Colorado resident Philippa Marrack wrote a similar letter to Rep. Tom Tancredo (R-CO), who was reportedly advocating a similar proposal in the House of Representatives.) As of this writing, press reports indicate that both Sen. Feinstein and Rep. Tancredo have withdrawn the moratorium portion of their proposed legislation. AAI will continue to monitor this situation and offer our assistance to Sen. Feinstein and Rep. Tancredo in

identifying alternative ways to promote national security that would not harm the international exchange of science through the post-doctoral and student exchange program.

Even during these challenging and difficult times, please be assured that AAI will continue to advocate for the advancement of biomedical research and on issues affecting the work of immunologists. But as we do so, we will be even more conscious of the critical importance of research not only to saving lives, but also to our nation's security and prosperity.

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October 5, 2001

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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by fax and by first class mail

Dear Senator Feinstein,

As a constituent and as President of the American Association of Immunologists (AAI), I am writing to express my concern about legislation that you reportedly plan to introduce regarding the U.S. student visa program. While AAI appreciates your effort to address important national security issues in the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11th, we are concerned that your proposed legislation, especially the moratorium on new student visas, will seriously harm the robust biomedical research environment that is so critical to national and international health and security.

AAI is a professional association of 6,000 research scientists and physicians dedicated to understanding the immune system, with the goal of developing innovative approaches to prevent, treat, and cure disease. Through funding from the National Institutes of Health, AAI members are working on some of the most critically important and promising areas of biomedical research that are at the core of immunologic science, including:

- discovering new defenses against re-emerging tuberculosis and drug-resistant bacteria;
- developing effective vaccines for viral and bacterial diseases such as HIV/AIDS and influenza;
- regulating autoimmune diseases such as diabetes, myasthenia gravis, and lupus;
- discovering the causes of cancer and promising new treatments for these diseases; and
- developing treatments to prevent the rejection of transplanted organs and bone marrow.

Like scientists in other disciplines, we benefit enormously from -- and provide training for -- post-doctoral and graduate students from overseas. These students play a critically important role in the biomedical research enterprise both here in the United States and as future international collaborators. Many of our senior researchers have students or postdoctoral fellows scheduled to arrive in the United States within the next few months;

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if a moratorium is adopted, their laboratories would be crippled and important research could be seriously delayed or permanently lost. In addition, plans of both the host institutions and the international students and fellows will be seriously and perhaps permanently disrupted.

AAI stands ready to support all reasonable efforts to tighten security within the student visa program. As researchers whose lives are devoted to understanding and curing human suffering and as patriotic Americans, we are more than willing to do our share to advance the security of our nation. Nevertheless, we urge you to consider the devastating impact that a student visa moratorium would have on ongoing research and to adopt a suitable alternative.

If AAI can be of assistance to you or your staff on this matter, I hope you will feel free to call me at , or to call AAI's Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs, Lauren Gross, at (301) 530-7178.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

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National Kidney Foundation Expanding Extramural Research Program

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) is expanding its extramural research support program by soliciting grant proposals related to non-pharmacologic approaches for the prevention and management of urinary tract infections (UTI). This UTI research initiative has been made possible through the generosity of Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. NFK plans to provide the first grant, funded at the level of $50,000 per year, effective July 1, 2002.

The National Kidney Foundation/Ocean Spray Research Grant can be used for investigator-initiated UTI research, either basic or clinical, including epidemiologic investigation. Candidates should hold a doctoral degree in an appropriate discipline and a faculty appointment, and must demonstrate previous research experience. One of the goals of the program is to attract investigators from related fields to embark upon the study of non-pharmacologic aspects of UTI management, either as monotherapy or in combination with antibiotics.

The deadline for applications is February 1, 2002.

Additional information and instructions for applicants can be obtained from the National Kidney Foundation Office of Scientific and Public Policy at 1-800-889-9559.

Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum Award for Medical Research Excellence

The Hamdan Award for Medical Research Excellence will be awarded in the categories of:

Gene Therapy of Inherited Disorders
Pathogenesis and Therapy of Autoimmune Disorders
Apoptosis in Disease and Health

Nominations must be received by January 31, 2002.

Three prizes of $27,000 each will be awarded. The Award Presentation Ceremony will be held on October 21, 2002, followed by the 2nd Dubai International Conference for Medical Sciences. The award recipients will present a lecture at the conference.

For further information contact:

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Pickwick Postdoctoral Fellowship for Basic, Applied, and Clinical Sleep Research

Applications are being accepted through December 15, 2001, for the Pickwick Postdoctoral Fellowship for Basic, Applied and Clinical Sleep Research. The fellowship entails a $40,000-per-year grant for one or two years and is available to international applicants; awardees will be notified by May 1, 2002.

To qualify, applicants must:

* hold an M.D., D.V.M., Ph.D. or D.O. degree, the degree or subsequent training having been completed within the last 5 years;
* have a sponsor and plan to conduct research in recognized American or Canadian program of study or lab with strong mentoring in appropriate area;
* demonstrate aptitude and proficiency in research; and
* devote a greater proportion of time to conducting research

To apply or for additional information, please contact:

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Landon Foundation and AACR Inaugurate Two International Awards

November 15, 2001, is the nominations deadline for two major international awards in cancer research sponsored by the Landon Foundation and the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR).

The awards are designed to promote and reward seminal contributions to the understanding of cancer through basic and translational research; candidates who have made noteworthy discoveries at the cutting edge of scientific innovation and creativity are sought.

The recipient of each Prize will receive an unrestricted $200,000 cash prize, will be announced in Winter 2002, and will give a scientific presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting, April 6-10, 2002, in San Francisco, CA.

The nomination procedure and other details are located on the AACR website: www.aacr.org.

Members in the News

AAI President James P. Allison, Ph.D., Wins Centeon Prize

On July 31, 2001, AAI President Jim Allison was awarded the Centeon Award 2001 for Innovative Breakthroughs in Immunology. The award was presented in conjunction with Dr. Allison's Keynote presentation at the 7th International Antibody Conference on Targeted Cellular Cytotoxicity (Strategies for Targeting the Immune System), in Hampshire England. Dr. Allison's lecture was entitled "Enhancement of T-Cell Responses by Antibody-Mediated Blockade of Inhibitory Costimulation: Application to Tumor Therapy and Antigen Discovery".

The Centeon Award recognizes Dr. Allison's distinguished contributions to our knowledge of T-cell biology. Dr. Allison accepted the $5000 prize, commemorative plaque, and award certificate from Dr. Mathias Jürs on behalf of Aventis Behring GmbH, Germany, sponsors of the award. Dr. Allison's invitation to present the keynote lecture was extended by Professor Martin J. Glennie, a member of the 7th International Conference's Scientific Organizing Committee. Past lecturers include Dr. Ronald Levy and Dr. Ellen Vitetta.

Yong-Guang Yang, M.D., Is ASBMT/Orphan Medical Awardee

Yong-Guang Yang, M.D., an assistant immunologist in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, is the recipient of the ASBMT/Orphan Medical New Investigator Award. The award, which provides a $25,000-per-year grant for investigations in the field of blood and marrow transplantation, is sponsored by the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (ASBMT) in collaboration with Orphan Medical, Inc.

The renewable two-year grant is awarded on the basis of competing research proposals submitted by applicants at the junior faculty (instructor or assistant professor) level. Dr. Yang's proposed research concerns the therapeutic application of bone marrow transplants in patients who have blood diseases such as leukemia. Specifically, Dr. Yang will explore how interleukin-12 (IL-12) works to reduce the risk of graft-versus-host disease (GVHD), a condition that arises when donor bone marrow attacks the recipient's organs and tissues. Past studies have shown that giving IL-12 on the day of transplant can reduce the risk of GVHD in experimental animals.

Dr. Yang earned his medical degree at Jilin Medical University and his Ph.D. in immunology at the Norman Bethune University, both in Jilin, China. In addition to his Massachusetts General Hospital appointment , he is an assistant professor in surgery at Harvard Medical School in Boston. A member of AAI since 1997, Dr. Yang will be recognized for this award at the ASBMT Annual Meeting, February 22-26, 2002, in Orlando, Florida.

Roizman, Kasper, Weiss Elected to Institute of Medicine

Three AAI members were among 60 scientists and public-health officials elected recently to the Institute of Medicine (IOM):

Bernard Roizman, Sc.D., Regenstein Distinguished Service Professor of Virology, Department of Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology, and Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Marjorie B. Kovler Viral Oncology Laboratores, University of Chicago, Chicago. An AAI member for more than four decades, Dr. Roizman joined the Association in 1959.

Dennis L. Kasper, M.D., Executive Dean for Academic Programs, William Ellery Channing Professor of Medicine, Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, and Director, Channing Laboratory, Harvard Medical School, Boston. Dr. Kasper has been an AAI member since 1975.

Stephen J. Weiss, M.D., E. Gifford and Love Barnett Upjohn Professor of Internal Medicine and Oncology, Medical School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Weiss joined AAI in 1991.

Election to the IOM is based upon professional achievement and represents both an honor and a commitment to serve in Institute affairs. An associated organization of the National Academy of Sciences, the IOM (see: http://www.iom.edu/) provides advice and information on health and science policy to government, the corporate sector, the professions and the public.

In Memoriam

Kevin John Lafferty, Ph.D.

In our August Newsletter, we acknowledged the death of AAI Honorary Member Kevin J. Lafferty, Ph.D. The following account of his life and passing appeared recently in The Canberra Times and the journal Immunology and Cell Biology, and is re-printed here with the kind permission of its author, Frank Fenner.

Kevin John Lafferty was born in Melbourne on July 3, 1933. He studied for his BSc degree at the University of Melbourne while working at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories, graduating in 1956. He was then transferred to the John Curtin School of Medical Research as a PhD scholar and worked in the Department of Microbiology with Stephen Fazekas de St Groth, on the neutralization of viruses by serum antibody. After graduating in 1960 he moved to the Ontario Cancer Institute in Canada as a postdoctoral fellow. In 1963 he returned to Australia as a research fellow in the Department of Microbiology of the John Curtin School, and turned his attention to the response of the chorioallantoic membrane of the developing chick embryo to the inoculation of foreign lymphocytes, a phenomenon that was called the Simonsen phenomenon. With this change in interest from virology to transplantation biology, he moved to the Department of Experimental Pathology as a Fellow, a tenured appointment. Here he collaborated with Professor Bede Morris and other colleagues in the Department on various aspects of transplantation biology, and in 1970 accompanied Morris to the newly established Department of Immunology as a Senior Fellow.

He then made his most important scientific discovery, that a 'costimulator' supplied by the antigen-presenting cells, was required for T cell activation and the consequent graft rejection. This ran against current dogma in transplantation biology, and was rubbished by leading figures in the field. However, Lafferty persisted, and showed that by maintaining cells of the mouse thyroid gland or pancreatic islet cells (the cells that produce insulin) in culture for some days before transplanting them to mice the costimulator was lost and the tissue was not rejected. Since diabetes is caused by the lack of functional pancreatic islet cells, such a method of transplantation opened up the possibility of developing a cure for diabetes.

The remainder of Kevin's scientific life was devoted to the study of diabetes. He was promoted to be a Professorial Fellow in 1980 and was appointed Head of a small Transplantation Biology Unit. He had now become a frequent visitor to the United States, and in 1982 he was invited to become Research Director at the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes in Denver, Colorado, and was offered an endowed Chair at the University of Colorado. He moved to Denver in 1983, to lead a research group studying the biology of pancreatic islet transplantation and the pathogenesis of autoimmune diabetes. He also became involved in fundraising activities and was a member of various review committees of the National Institutes of Health. The scientific importance of his research was recognized by the Paul E. Lacy Research Award of the National Diabetes Research Interchange in 1986, the International Award of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in 1988 and in 1995 he was awarded the prestigious Sandoz Prize for Basic Immunology, all awards in recognition of his work in transplantation biology.

Early in 1993 Lafferty applied for the position of Director of the John Curtin School of Medical Research, although he recognized that in so doing he would earn only about half as much as he did in the United States. He was appointed Director and Howard Florey Professor of Medical Research from September 1993 until he reached the age of 65 in July 1998. On taking up his appointment he launched a five year strategic plan for the School to encourage the development of young investigators as independent scientists, strengthen existing research activities and introduce new research activities that would maintain the School's leadership into the 21st century, enhance student teaching and training, and develop links between the basic science thrust of the School and patient-orientated clinical studies. During his period as Director he brought several new initiatives to the School. The most important of these were the Medical Genome Centre, funded in part by the Australian Cancer Foundation, to promote research aiming at defining the genes that underpin human health, and the Computational Molecular Biology and Drug Design Group, aimed at relating protein structure and function. Integrative neuroscience and studies on cytokine gene transcription were strengthened, and a National Collaborating Centre for Autoimmunity, and the Molecular Basis of Memory Project established.

A major initiative was the establishment of the externally funded National Health Sciences Centre, bringing together the John Curtin School, the Canberra Clinical School of Sydney University, the ACT Department of Health and Community Affairs and the University of Canberra. This Consortium helped raise money for research, supervised the performance of clinical trials at The Canberra Hospital and conducts a very successful graduate education program in Clinical Trials Management at the University of Canberra. Kevin also established other close links with the ACT government, bringing Rosemary Follett and Kate Carnell to the School to open new laboratories and unveil the sculpture of Florey left as a bequest by Florey's widow.

The AAI Council elected Dr. Lafferty to Honorary Membership in AAI in 1996.

After retiring at age 65 he carried on work on a Diabetes Collaborative Research Project funded by a five-year grant from the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Australia and the NH&MRC. He moved his laboratory to the Innovations Building, next to the John Curtin School, established an office in the ANU Centre for the Public Awareness of Science and continued to oversee a major clinical trial for the treatment of diabetes.

His graduate students attest to his skill as a teacher, bringing to the task enthusiasm, a liking for discussions of the philosophy of science, and the ability to see the core of a problem through the forest of experimental details that necessarily embed it. On the more social side of the School's activities, he introduced the idea of an Annual Retreat, initially held at Central Tilba, on the South Coast, and later at Thredbo, where all members of the School could meet for broad-ranging discussions about current work and future directions. During the five years that he was Director the number and variety of scientific conferences hosted by the School was expanded considerably, one of the most notable being the Florey Centenary Symposium on the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* and peptic ulcer, a discovery in the early 1980s by two Western Australians, Robin Warren and Barrie Marshall, that revolutionized gastroenterology.

So much for Lafferty the scientist and science administrator. What of Lafferty the man? He was physically large and hearty in manner and when relaxing told a good story. Unfortunately, the last 20 years of his life were dogged by periods of serious ill health, and while visiting the United States he was twice taken to hospital for cardiac surgery to save his life. Once back on deck, he went ahead with his work and his life with undiminished vigor. He died on 21 July after a prolonged illness, for the last few days in The Canberra Hospital. He is survived by his wife Anne, six sons, Bede, twins Matthew and Daniel, Joseph, Ben and Damian, and two daughters, Bridget and Rachael.

Frank Fenner
John Curtin School of Medical Research
Australian National University, Canberra

AAI extends condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of these recently deceased members:

John R. Cann, PhD
Arnold H. Greenberg, MD, PhD
Hassan A. Neama

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 2001

November 2 *First Annual Buffalo Conference on Immunology* – Holiday Inn, Grand Island, New York
Contact: Susan Burkard * burkard@acsu.buffalo.edu

November 2-7 *ThymUS* – Wyndham El San Juan Hotel & Casino, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Contact: thymus@mskcc.org; Web: www.mskcc.org/thymus

November 3-7 *Euroconference on Blood and Marrow Transplantation* – Athens, Greece
Contact: ESH * Institut de Recherches sur les Leucémies et les Maladies du Sang * Centre Hayem, Hôpital Saint-Louis * 1 avenue Claude Vellefaux, 75475 * Paris cedex 10, France
Phone: 33 1 42 06 65 40 8 * Fax: 33 1 42 06 05 87 *
Email: ghyslaine@esh.org

November 5-8 *The Second Al Ain International Immunology Meeting - Immunoregulation in Health and Disease* – Intercontinental Hotel in Al Ain
Organized by The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, United Arab Emirates University
Contact: Organizing Committee * Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology * Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences * UAE University * P.O. Box 17666 * Al Ain, UAE
Phone: 971 3 7039488 * Fax: 971 3 7671966 *
Email: m.lukic@uaeu.ac.ae

November 7-10 *Chemotherapy Foundation Symposium XIX - Innovative Cancer Therapy for Tomorrow* – Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York, NY
Contact: Jaclyn Silverman, Conference Coordinator
Phone: (212) 241-6772 * Fax: (212) 369-5440

November 11-15 *65th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology* – San Francisco, CA
Contact: American College of Rheumatology * 1800 Century Place, Suite 250 * Atlanta, GA 30345-4300
Phone: (404) 633-3777 * Fax: (404) 633-1870

November 10-11 *American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) Updates in Special Bacterial Pathogens* – Hilton Atlanta Hotel and Towers, Atlanta, GA
Sponsored by the ASTMH in cooperation with the American Committee on Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health
Contact: ASTMH * (847) 480-9592 * Email: astmh@astmh.org

November 11-15 *American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH) 50th Annual Meeting* – Hilton Atlanta and Towers, Atlanta, GA
Contact: ASTMH * (847) 480-9592 * Email: astmh@astmh.org

November 16-18 *Euroconference on Immunobiology of Transplantation* – Athens, Greece
Contact: ESH * Institut de Recherches sur les Leucémies et les Maladies du Sang * Centre Hayem, Hôpital Saint-Louis * 1 avenue Claude Vellefaux, 75475 * Paris cedex 10, France
Phone: 33 1 42 06 65 40 * Fax: 33 1 42 06 05 87
Email: ghyslaine@esh.org

DECEMBER 2001

Dec. 8-12 41st Annual Meeting, The American Society for Cell Biology -- Washington, DC
Contact: ASCB * Phone: (301) 347-9300 * Web: www.ascb.org
Email: ascbinfo@ascb.org

2002 MEETINGS

Jan. 25-27, 2002 *Practical Workshop on Animal Models of Human Diseases: Modeling Human Cancers in the Mouse* – Paris, France
Contact: ESH * Institut de Recherches sur les Leucémies et les Maladies du Sang * Centre Hayem, Hôpital Saint-Louis * 1 avenue Claude Vellefaux, 75475 * Paris cedex 10, France
Phone: 33 1 42 06 65 40 * Fax: 33 1 42 06 05 87
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Jan. 26-29, 2002 *The Forty-First Midwinter Conference of Immunologists* -- Asilomar Conference Ctr, Pacific Grove, CA
Registration Deadline: Monday, November 12, 2001; conference is limited to 650 attendees
Contact: Registrar, Ms. Kim Gurney * P.O. Box 642268 * Los Angeles, CA 90064 * Phone: (310) 390-4556

February 2-6, 2002 *The 2002 Miami Nature Biotechnology Winter Symposium: The Genome and Beyond - Genomics and Structural Biology for Medicine* – The Radisson Deauville Resort, Miami, FL
Contact: MNBWS Office * P.O. Box 016129 (M823) * Miami, FL 33101-6129 * Phone: (305) 243-3597
Fax: (305) 324-5665 * Email: mnbws-biochem@miami.edu

February 7-10, 2002 *5th International Conference on New Trends in Immunosuppression* – Geneva, Switzerland
Contact: Secretariat * Kenes International * 17 Rue de Cendrier, P.O. Box 1726 * CH-1211 Geneva 1 * Switzerland
Phone: 41 22 908 0488 * Fax: 44 845 127 6008

February 14-19, 2002 *AAAS Annual Meeting and Science Innovation Exposition* – Boston, MA
Contact: Registrar * AAAS Meetings Dept. * 1200 New York Ave., NW * Washington, D.C. 20005
Phone: (202) 326-6450 * Fax: (202) 289-4021
Web: www.aaasmeeting.org

February 20-24, 2002 *3rd International Congress on Autoimmunity* – Geneva, Switzerland
Contact: Prof. Yehuda Shoenfeld * 3rd International Congress on Autoimmunity * P.O. Box 50006 * Tel Aviv 61500, Israel
Phone: 972 3 5140018/9 * Fax: 972 3 5175674

February 25-March 1, 2002 *The Cellular and Molecular Biology of Cancer Postgraduate Short Course* – Wolfson Conference Centre, Imperial College School of Medicine
Contact: Wolfson Conference Centre * Imperial College School of Medicine * Hammersmith Hospital * Du Cane Road * London W12 ONN, U.K. * Phone: 44 0 20 8383 3117/3227/3245 * Fax: 44 0 20 8383 2428

Mar. 9-12, 2002 *Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities Annual Meeting - Biomolecular Technologies: Tools for Discovery in Proteomics and Genomics* will be held at the Renaissance Austin Hotel, Austin, TX. **Contact:** ABRF Meeting Mgmt. Office, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814.
Phone: (301) 530-7010 s Fax: (301) 530-7014
Email: marcella@faseb.org
Web: www.faseb.org/meetings

Apr. 20-24, 2002 *EB '2002* will be held in New Orleans, LA. Contact: EB '2002, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814.
Phone: (301) 530-7010 s Fax: (301) 530-7014
Email: eb@faseb.org
Web: www.faseb.org/meetings

Jun. 23-27, 2002 *14th Germinal Centre Conference* will be held in Groningen, the Netherlands. The conference is being held under the auspices of the Dutch Society for Immunology (NvvI) and the European Federation of Immunological Societies (EFIS). **Contact:** K.F. Wenckebach Instituut Groningen, Postbus 30.001, 9700 RB Groningen, The Netherlands.
Phone: 31 050 361 2745 s Fax: 31 050 361 1819
Email: info@wenckebachinstituut.nl
Web: www.wenckebachinstituut.nl

Jul. 7-12, 2002 *XIVth World Congress of Pharmacology* sponsored by the International Union of Pharmacology, the National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A., and the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, will be held in the Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, CA. **Abstract deadline is January 31, 2002**. **Contact:** Congress Secretariat, XIVth World Congress of Pharmacology, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3995.
Phone: (301) 530-7061
Email: juphar@aspet.faseb.org
Web: www.iuphar.org

Jul. 20-24, 2002 *The American Society for Virology 21st Annual Scientific Meeting* -- Lexington, KY
Sponsored by University of Kentucky, Lexington.
Contact: Sidney E. Grossberg, Secretary-Treasurer * American Society for Virology * Dept. of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics * Medical College Wisconsin * 8701 Watertown Plank Road * Milwaukee, WI 53226-0509
Phone: (414) 456-8104 * Fax: (414) 456-6566
Email: segrossb@mcw.edu * Web: www.mcw.edu/asv

Aug. 17-21, 2002 *16th Symposium of the Protein Society* will be held at the San Diego Marriott, San Diego, CA. **Contact:** ABRF Meeting Management Office, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814.
Phone: (301) 530-7010 s Fax: (301) 530-7014
Web: www.faseb.org/meetings

Sept. 15-18, 2002 *Fifth International Conference of the Hospital Infection Society* will be held at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, Edinburgh, Scotland. **Contact:** Conference Secretariat: Concorde Services, HIS2002, Unit 4b, 50 Speirs Wharf, Port Dundas, Glasgow G4 9TB, Scotland, UK.
Phone: 44 141 331 0123 s Fax: 44 141 331 0234
Email: his@concorde-uk.com
Web: www.his2002.co.uk

Sept. 15-22, 2002 *British Society for Immunology and the Shemyakin Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry Sixth John Humphrey Summer Programme in Immunology, "Molecular Basis of the Immune Response"* -- Puschino (near Moscow)
British Coordinator: Geoffrey Asherson
8 Wigmore Place * London W1U2LR, UK
Email: GLAsherson@cs.com
Tel/Fax +44-(0)207-580-3197
Russian Organizing Secretary: Vladimir Nesmeyanov
Shemyakin Institute for Bioorganic Chemistry
Ul Miklukho-Maklaya, 16/10, 117997 GSP-7, Moscow V-437
Tel/Fax: (007095)-330-5974
Email: vnes@mail.ibch.ru

Oct. 19-23, 2002 *The American Society of Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics 28th Annual Meeting* will be held at the Opryland Hotel and Convention Center, Nashville, TN. **Contact:** Janene Dawson, ASHI Association Manager, P.O. Box 15804, Lenexa, KS 66285-5804.
Phone: (913) 541-0009 * Fax: (913) 599-5340
Email: ashiamp@aol.com
Web: www.ashi-hla.org

Oct. 25-29, 2002 66th *Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology* will be held in New Orleans, LA. **Contact:** American College of Rheumatology, 1800 Century Place, Suite 250, Atlanta, GA 30345-4300.
Phone: (404) 633-3777 s Fax: (404) 633-1870
Email: acr@rheumatology.org
Web: www.rheumatology.org

Oct. 20-Nov. 2, 2002 TNF Superfamily 2002: The 9th International Congress on TNF-Related Cytokines -- Hyatt Regency on San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA
Contact: Carl F. Ware, La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology, 10355 Science Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92121
Phone: (858) 558-3500 * Web: www.meetings.liai.org
Email: meetings@liai.org

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QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP
2002 MEMBERSHIP YEAR

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1. Possess a Ph.D. (or equivalent graduate degree, *e.g.*, D.Sc.) in immunology or related disciplines, or an M.D. (or equivalent medical degree, *e.g.*, D.D.S.) and be the ***first*** author of ***one*** significant original publication on an immunological topic in a reputable, **English language,** refereed journal. Manuscripts "in press" are acceptable when accompanied by a letter from the publisher or Editor-In-Chief of the journal affirming its acceptance and imminent publication. Abstracts and unpublished papers ***will not*** be considered in evaluating whether a candidate meets the publications requirement for membership. The requirement for an advanced degree can be waived in certain circumstances if the candidate shows evidence of other appropriate training and research experience.

2. Be an established scientist with substantial achievement in a related discipline and have at least one collaborative paper on an immunological topic in a reputable, **English language,** refereed journal.

THIS APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:
1) Three copies of your bibliography and curriculum vitae; 2) Three copies of a first author publication that meets the described criteria; 3) The name and signature of an active AAI member as your reference.

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SIGNATURE OF AAI MEMBER: _____

Applications should be mailed to the AAI office and marked to the attention of the Chair of the AAI Membership Committee. Please **DO NOT** send payment with your application. You will be invoiced upon approval.

Application Review Deadlines:
Applications are to be received in the AAI office by: **March 31 * June 30 * September 30 * December 31**

2002 Dues Rates: 1 January - 31 December: **U.S. - $225.00 * Canadian - $323.00 * International - $315.00**

AAI-PHARMINGEN INVESTIGATOR AWARD

DESCRIPTION

Since 1993, the AAI has presented the AAI-PharMingen Investigator Award to an early-career investigator who has made outstanding contributions to the field of immunology. This award was first called the "AAI Young Investigator Award" and retitled the "AAI Investigator Award" in 1995. In 1996, PharMingen became a co-sponsor of the award and the name was changed to reflect that partnership. In 1998, BD Biosciences became the parent company of PharMingen and co-sponsor of the award.

The award includes a plaque, a $3,000 cash award, and travel support to attend EB 2002. The awardee is required to present his or her work at the AAI-PharMingen Investigator Award Ceremony and Lecture at EB 2002.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be members in good standing with the AAI and must have received an advanced degree (Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent) within the last 15 years (hence, a 2002 nominee must have received his or her degree on or after June 1, 1987).

NOMINATION

Individuals must be nominated by a regular AAI member in good standing. Members cannot nominate themselves. Members of the AAI Council and AAI Awards Committee are not eligible to nominate candidates, nor be nominated themselves. Nominees will be evaluated by the AAI Awards Committee, and recommendations will be made to the AAI Council for final selection. A complete nomination package must be received by **December 1, 2001**. Please address all nominations to:

M. Michele Hogan, Ph.D.
Executive Director
The American Association of Immunologists
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

AAI-PHARMINGEN INVESTIGATOR AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the nomination package:

1. Name of nominee
2. Current mailing address (including email address)
3. Title and affiliation
4. Statement of contributions to immunology (*do not exceed 2 pages*)
5. CV including education and fellowships (institution, dates, degrees) and employment history
6. Bibliography (complete citations with titles; a reprint of **one** publication may be included)
7. A nomination letter submitted by an active AAI member
8. Two (2) letters of recommendation supporting this nomination must be submitted in addition to a signed nomination letter.

AAI - HUANG FOUNDATION MERITORIOUS CAREER AWARD

Description

This award, established by the AAI in 1999 in partnership with the Huang Foundation, is intended to recognize a mid-career scientist for outstanding research contributions he or she has made to the field of immunology.

The recipient will receive a $10,000 cash award and travel support to attend EB 2002. The recipient will receive the award and present a lecture at the AAI-Huang Foundation Meritorious Career Award Ceremony and Lecture held at EB 2002.

Eligibility

This award competition is open to regular members of AAI who are at a mid-stage in their career. Applicants are to have at least 15 years' experience in the field (hence, the 2002 nominee must have received his or her degree on or before June 1, 1987). While an upper limit on career stage is not firmly set, this award is not intended for senior investigators.

Nomination

Candidates must be nominated by a regular AAI member in good standing. Members cannot nominate themselves. Members of the AAI Council and AAI Awards Committee are not eligible to nominate candidates, nor be nominated themselves. Nominees will be evaluated by the AAI Awards Committee, and recommendations will be made to the AAI Council for final selection. A complete nomination package must be received by **December 1, 2001**. Please address all nominations to:

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Please include the following in the nomination package:

1. Name of nominee
2. Current mailing address (including email address)
3. Title and affiliation
4. Statement of contributions to immunology (*do not exceed 2 pages*)
5. CV including education and fellowships (institution, dates, degrees) and employment history
6. Bibliography (complete citations with titles)
7. A nomination letter submitted by a regular AAI member in good standing
8. Two (2) letters of recommendation supporting this nomination must be submitted in addition to a signed nomination letter.

AAI EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD

DESCRIPTION

The Excellence in Mentoring Award was established by the AAI in 1995 to recognize the importance of the relationship between a mentor and trainee. A dedicated mentor can significantly influence the successful development and career of trainees. With this award, AAI honors a member for his or her contributions to the profession through outstanding mentoring.

The recipient will be recognized and receive the award at a ceremony during EB 2002.

QUALIFICATIONS

Nominees must be regular members in good standing with the AAI who have demonstrated a commitment to mentoring throughout their career.

NOMINATION

Candidates should be nominated by an AAI member in good standing who was mentored by the nominee and is well acquainted with the nominee's qualifications. AAI members cannot nominate themselves. Members of the AAI Council and AAI Awards Committee are not eligible to nominate candidates, nor be nominated themselves. The complete nomination package must be received by **December 1, 2001.** Please address all nominations to:

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The American Association of Immunologists
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

AAI EXCELLENCE IN MENTORING AWARD NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the nomination package**:**

1. The nomination letter should include the following nominee information:

- Name
- Present title and affiliation
- Current mailing address (including email address)
- Succinct career history and major scientific contributions
- List of former and current trainees mentored by nominee, including names, position with mentor (e.g., post-doctoral fellow, student), dates of training, and the trainees' current positions

2. Letters of recommendation from up to four *former* trainees of the nominee. Each letter must include a brief description of career history relevant to mentoring received, as well as current positions and affiliations. Please use no more than two (2) pages to provide a narrative description of the guidance provided by the nominee.

Qualities that may be considered are the nominee's commitment to mentoring throughout his or her career; advising on career choices; willingness to advise trainees on activities critical to success within the scientific community, *e.g.*, grant writing, manuscript preparation, oral presentations, teaching skills, etc.; continued interest in the professional advancement of former trainees; and success as a role model.

PFIZER - SHOWELL TRAVEL AWARDS

Description

This award is intended to recognize the professional promise of early career investigators (assistant professor or equivalent) and assist them with travel to the AAI annual meeting for the purpose of presenting immunology research. This award was established in 1999 through an endowment from Henry J. Showell and Pfizer, Inc.

Award decisions will be based on career progress and the submission of an outstanding abstract selected for presentation in a block symposium (oral presentation) at EB 2002.

Awardees will be recognized and presented with a certificate during an awards ceremony at EB 2002. Support of up to $1500 will be provided for travel expenses. Notifications of award will be sent prior to EB 2002.

Eligibility

Regular members in good standing with the AAI who have received their advanced degree within the past 10 years and hold a position of assistant professor or equivalent are eligible to apply for this award. Post-doctoral fellows or other trainees are not eligible.

Application Packages

A complete application package must be received by **February 15, 2002.** Please address all packages to:

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PFIZER - SHOWELL TRAVEL AWARDS
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the application package**:**

1. A letter that includes the following information:

    - Name
    - Title and affiliation
    - Current mailing address (including email address)

2. Applicant's CV; please list current funding

3. A copy of the abstract submitted to EB 2002

4. A brief statement of applicant's research goals (not to exceed 1 page).

AAI JUNIOR FACULTY TRAVEL AWARDS

DESCRIPTION

This award is intended to assist young investigators with travel to EB 2002. Awardees will be selected on the basis of career progress and the submission of a first-author abstract to EB 2002. Award recipients will be presented with a $500 cash award and a certificate during an awards ceremony at EB 2002. Notifications of award will be sent prior to EB 2002.

ELIGIBILITY

Junior faculty, *i.e*, assistant professor or equivalent, who are regular AAI members in good standing and have submitted a first author abstract to EB 2002 are eligible to apply for this award. Post-doctoral fellows or senior faculty (associate professor and above) **are not** eligible.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

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Bethesda, Maryland 20814

AAI JUNIOR FACULTY TRAVEL AWARDS
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please include the following in the application package**:**

1. A letter that includes the following information: (*Please clearly designate "AAI Junior Faculty Award" in the cover letter.)*

- Name
- Title and affiliation
- Current mailing address (including email address)

2. CV including education, fellowships, employment history, and current funding

3. A copy of the abstract submitted to EB 2002.

AAI - HUANG FOUNDATION TRAINEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

DESCRIPTION

This award is intended to recognize promising trainees in the field of immunology. Awardees will receive a $1000 cash award and travel support (up to $1500) to attend EB 2002. Trainee applicants will be selected on the basis of career promise and presentation of an outstanding first author abstract at EB 2002.

This award was established by the AAI in 1997 through an endowment from The Huang Foundation.

ELIGIBILITY

Students and post-doctoral fellows presenting a first author abstract at the annual meeting are eligible to apply. Awardees will be notified of selection prior to EB 2002. Recipients will be recognized and presented their awards at an awards ceremony during EB 2002. Applicants must be trainee members of AAI as of December 1, 2001.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

The complete application package must be received by **February 15, 2002.** Please address all packages to:

M. Michele Hogan, Ph.D.
Executive Director
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Please include the following in the application package**:**

1. A letter that includes the following information:
   - Name
   - Title and affiliation
   - Current mailing address (including email address)
2. Applicant's CV
3. A copy of the abstract submitted to EB 2002
4. A brief statement of applicant's research goals (not to exceed 1 page)
5. A letter of recommendation from advisor/mentor
6. A completed AAI Trainee Award Certification Form.

AAI MINORITY SCIENTIST TRAVEL AWARDS

DESCRIPTION

In an effort to increase participation of under-represented ethnic minority U.S. scientists at its annual meeting, AAI has established the AAI Minority Scientist Travel Awards. These awards will provide travel support to attend EB 2002.

Awardees will be recognized and presented with this award during an awards ceremony at EB 2002. Awardees will receive a certificate and support of up to $1200 for registration and travel expenses associated with the meeting. Notifications of award will be sent prior to EB 2002.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be members (trainee or regular) in good standing with the AAI. An applicant must be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States or its territories, and a member of one of the following under-represented ethnic minority groups: African American, Hispanic American, Native American, Alaskan Native, or Pacific Islander (Polynesia/Micronesia).

Trainee applicants must include a signed AAI Trainee Award Certification Form.

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Please include the following in the application package**:**

1. A letter that includes the following information:

    - Name
    - Title and affiliation
    - Current mailing address (including email address)
    - Applicant's ethnic group:
        - African American
        - Hispanic
        - Native American (specify tribal affiliation)
        - Alaskan Native
        - Pacific Islander (Polynesia/Micronesia)

2. CV including education and fellowships (institution, dates, degrees) and employment history

3. If submitting an abstract to EB 2002, please enclose a copy.

AAI Trainee Certification Form

This form must accompany award applications from trainees.

Applicant's Name: _____

Please Print Legibly or Type

Mailing Address: _____

_____

Trainee Status (check one): _____ Predoctoral _____ Postdoctoral

Year Degree Expected: _____

I hereby certify that _____

Name of Trainee

is a registered student/postdoctoral and is engaged in an immunology research program.

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Signature of Advisor/Department Chair Date

The Forty-First Midwinter Conference of Immunologists
January 26 - 29, 2002
Asilomar Conference Center
Pacific Grove, CA

Chairs: **Dr. Jonathan Sprent**
Dr. Pamela Fink

The Dan H. Campbell Memorial Lecture
Saturday, January 26, 2002, 8:00 PM

Tasuku Honjo
Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan
A Molecular Linkage Between Class Switching and Somatic Hypermutation

Session I:	Development and Tolerance of Immune Cells
Session II:	Receptors for Innate Immunity
Session III:	Lymphocyte Activation and Differentiation
Session IV:	Lymphoid Microenvironments
Session V:	Control of Lymphocyte Survival

The conference is limited to 650 attendees. The registration deadline (without late fee) is Monday, November 12, 2001. Program and reservation packets will be available in September from:

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Web Sites of Interest

The AAI lists these web sites as a service to our membership and readership. AAI does not endorse or guarantee the information on the listed sites. If you wish to comment, or offer sites of interest, please contact AAI at infoaai@aai.faseb.org.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) recently announced the awarding of 161 fellowships for advanced training in biomedical science. These include 92 five-yer awards to students pursuing doctoral degrees, and 69 fellowships to enable medical students to devote one-year to biomedical research. Additional awards for continued support will be made to medical students in the HHMI-NIH Research Scholars program. For more information, visit: www.hhmi.org/fellowships

The WWW Virtual Library of Cell Biology, tended by Gabriel Fenteany of the University of Illinois, Chicago, offers essential links for cell biologists and other biomedical scientists: www.vlib.org/Science/Cell_Biology/index.shtml.

The Osteoarthritis Initiative (OAI) is a new public-private partnership aimed at finding biological markers for the progression of osteoarthritis. Jointly underwritten by NIH and several pharmaceutical companies, the consortium will provide approximately $8 million in annual funding over 5-7 years to support up to six clinical research centers. All clincial evaluation data, radiological images, and biospecimens derived from the initiative will be available to researchers worldwide to help quicken the pace of scientific studies and biomarker identification. For more information on the OAI, visit: http: //www.nih.gov/niams/news/oisg/index.htm.

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