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A Continuing Medical Education Program
for Pulmonary, Allergy and Immunology Fellows

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Dear Colleague:

We are delighted to invite you to the Eleventh Annual Respiratory Disease Young Investigators’ Forum, which will take place on October 8-11, 2015. This Forum is a unique educational opportunity designed specifically for US-based Fellows (MDs, DOs) actively enrolled in a pulmonary, allergy, or immunology fellowship program during the 2014-2015 academic year who are conducting research on airway diseases, including asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, cystic fibrosis, allergic rhinitis, genetics of airway diseases, or bronchiectasis, in either pediatric or adult populations. Young investigators who are transitioning to initial faculty positions following the completion of their fellowship training in June 2015 are especially encouraged to participate.

Eligible Fellows are invited to submit an abstract of their research (clinical or basic science) to a panel of 9 expert faculty for assessment. The abstracts are blinded, and each one is scored by the expert faculty. Based on these scores, the top 30 abstracts are accepted (15 clinical research and 15 basic science research). It should be noted that the final selection of abstracts is based on the quality of the research and the number of abstracts received in each category.

The top 30 young investigators are invited to attend the Forum as presenting faculty to present their research in full for further review and comment by the expert faculty and other presenting faculty. Based on the scores of the expert faculty, the top 3 presenters in each category noted above will be provided with a grant to their institution to be used for their research.

During the Forum, additional group discussions with expert faculty will be planned. At the conclusion of the activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify new areas of respiratory research that offer new inroads to effective therapies
- Identify the key components to be included in respiratory basic science and clinical research
- Discuss research study designs that may improve on current approaches to respiratory research
- Identify strengths and weaknesses of the research and receive constructive input on the studies presented

This Forum has been a successful program for the past 10 years. Previous participants indicate that it is one of the best programs they have attended because of its focus on research, interaction with other young investigators, and the mentorship that is provided by the expert faculty. We encourage you to submit the abstract of your research by June 5, 2015. If you need additional information, contact Julie Maravalhas of ARCoalition LLC (ARC), at 973-443-3825 or at julie.maravalhas@ar-coalition.com.

On behalf of the expert faculty, we hope to see you this October. We can guarantee you will have a rewarding experience, which will be beneficial to your career.

Sincerely,

Lewis J. Smith, MD
Program Chair

Reynold A. Panettieri Jr, MD
Program CoChair
Lewis J. Smith, MD, is Professor of Medicine, Director of the Center for Clinical Research in the Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, and Associate Vice President for Research at Northwestern University.

He obtained an undergraduate degree from the City College of New York and a medical degree from the University of Rochester. He completed training in internal medicine at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York, and in pulmonary medicine at Boston University. He joined the faculty of Northwestern University in 1979 and served as Chief of the Medical School’s Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Division from 1982 to 1998. He was Associate Director of the Office of Clinical Research and Training from 1988-2002, at which time he developed a training program in clinical investigation, which awards a Master of Science degree from the Graduate School.

He has had active laboratory-based and clinical research programs with funding from the Department of Veterans Affairs, the NIH, foundations, and industry. For the past 25 years he has studied various aspects of asthma pathogenesis and treatment. He has been the Chicago site PI for the American Lung Association’s Asthma Clinical Research Centers (ALA-ACRC) program since its inception in 1999, corresponding PI for the Chicago center of the NHLBI-supported AsthmaNet program, and PI of a multicenter NIH-funded study exploring the role of soy isoflavones for the treatment of patients with poorly controlled asthma.

He chairs the Pulmonary Committee of the longitudinal Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults (CARDIA) study. He is currently leading an initiative to expand and enhance clinical research support throughout Northwestern and its clinical affiliates. In his role as Associate Vice President for Research he serves as a liaison between the University and the Feinberg School of Medicine for issues related to clinical and translational research. In addition, several University Research Centers report to him.

Reynold A. Panettieri Jr, MD, earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania and completed his internship and residency in medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he also obtained specialty training in pulmonary diseases. He then joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, where he is currently a tenured Professor of Medicine and was awarded the Robert L. Mayock and David A. Cooper endowed professorship. Dr. Panettieri is also Adjunct Professor at the Wistar Institute. He is currently the Director of the Airways Biology Initiative and Deputy Director of the Center of Excellence in Environmental Toxicology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, and Director of the Comprehensive Asthma Program of the University of Pennsylvania Health System.

Dr. Panettieri was the principal investigator for several National Institutes of Health-sponsored grants, including an Asthma SCOR Award, focusing on airway smooth muscle function in asthma and the molecular and cellular mechanisms of airway smooth muscle function and growth. He is now director of a program project grant examining novel approaches in modulating GPCR function. He is the author of over 410 publications, including peer-reviewed research articles, reviews, chapters and abstracts, and serves on the editorial board of the American Journal of Physiology and Thorax. Dr. Panettieri is a co-editor-in-chief of Respiratory Research, an editor of the British Journal of Pharmacology and an associate editor of the American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology. He also reviews for 10 prominent journals in physiology, clinical immunology, allergy, and medicine and has given over 220 lectures and coordinated 30 symposia on topics in his specialty area.

Dr. Panettieri is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the Robert E. Cooke Memorial Lectureship at the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Annual Meeting; the Joseph R. Rodarte Award for Scientific Distinction and the Recognition Award for Scientific Accomplishments from the American Thoracic Society (ATS); and several honorary memberships, including membership in the American Society for Clinical Investigation, the Association of American Physicians, the National Asthma Education Program of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. He is also an active member of numerous national professional and scientific societies, including the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Thoracic Society and the ATS Respiratory Structure and Function Assembly. In 2013, he was elected Chairman of the ATS Respiratory Structure and Function Assembly.

Dr. Panettieri remains dedicated to educating the public about asthma. To this end, he serves as director of the Adult Asthma Patient Education Program in Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Asthma Task Force, the Allies Against Asthma, and the Attack Asthma Program sponsored by the American Lung Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania.
Program Information

Eligibility

- US-based pulmonary, allergy, and/or immunology Fellows (MDs and DOs), with or without PhD degrees, involved in research related to airway diseases such as asthma, COPD, cystic fibrosis, or bronchiectasis are eligible.
- Fellows enrolled in basic or clinical research programs during the 2014-2015 academic year. Young investigators transitioning to initial faculty positions following completion of their fellowship training in June 2015 are especially encouraged to participate.
- PhD-only research Fellows are not eligible.
- Candidates must be based in the United States (training must be completed at a US-based institution).
- All work must be unpublished original research in an area related to airway diseases. Publication as an abstract alone does not preclude eligibility; however, an abstract will not be accepted if it has been published as an article before October 1, 2015.
- Abstracts/papers to be presented at future medical meetings are eligible for submission.

Selection Process

- Submission deadline is Friday, June 5, 2015.
- Lewis J Smith, MD, and the expert faculty will review all submissions.
- All accepted abstracts will be published in a program workbook. The publication of this workbook will not preclude publication or presentation elsewhere.
- Presentations will be podium format and will consist of a formal presentation and question-and-answer period.

Finalists

The 30 finalists (authors of accepted abstracts) will be provided with the following:

- One (1) roundtrip, economy-class ticket from their city of origin to Atlanta.
- Reimbursement for ground transfers to and from the program hotel in Atlanta.
- 3 nights’ lodging (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) at the program hotel.
- All group buffet meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) for the duration of the program.

Awards

An awards ceremony will be held on Saturday evening, October 10, 2015, at which the award winners in each of the 2 categories (basic science and clinical) for first prize ($1500/recipient), second prize ($1000/recipient), and third prize ($500/recipient) will be announced.

Abstract Submission Deadline

All abstracts must be received by the close of business on June 5, 2015.

Abstracts: Policies and Procedures

- Only 1 abstract submission per Fellow will be accepted.
- Abstracts must conform exactly to the abstract preparation instructions. Those that do not may be rejected.
- No revisions to submitted abstracts will be accepted.
- Only original work done by the Fellow will be accepted.

Credit Designation and Compliance

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of National Jewish Health and ARCoalition LLC.

National Jewish Health is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. National Jewish Health designates this live activity for a maximum of 10 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
Instructions for Abstract Preparation and Submission

Identification
Your submission MUST include the following information:
- Full name, degree(s)
- Mailing address (no PO Boxes)
- Daytime telephone, fax, pager, e-mail address
- Current institution (where fellowship is being conducted)
- Previous institution (where research was conducted, if applicable)
- Year of fellowship (1, 2, 3)
- Study type: basic science or clinical research

Format
Abstracts should consist of a brief title (bold, Initial Capitals) descriptive of the research. Include first and last names and degrees of the authors. Underline the presenting author’s name and list the name and location of the institution where research was completed. Do not identify authors in the body of the abstract. Sans serif font (such as Arial or Helvetica) is preferred. Do not use font sizes smaller than 10 point.

Abstract text must be 500 words or fewer. Please make sure all figures are high resolution (at least 300 dpi). No more than a total of 4 figures and/or tables per submission are permitted. Please limit figures to 1 graph or image each (ie, no multiple-part figures). All figures will be printed in black and white. Please keep this in mind and adjust your figures and legends accordingly. Legends should be included with the abstract text and not as part of the figures (not included in the 500-word limit); figures should be embedded in the abstract file and not included as separate e-mail attachments.

Organize the body of the abstract in the following manner:

- Disclosure of relevant financial relationships (not included in word count).
- A sentence stating the purpose of the study, unless stated in the title.
- A brief statement of methods, if pertinent.
- A summary of results
- A statement of conclusions reached. It is not satisfactory to state, “The results will be discussed.”

Submission
VIA E-MAIL: Forward an e-mail with the abstract attached as a Microsoft Word Version 2003 or higher document to: Abstracts@ar-coalition.com.

All identification information listed herein MUST be included at the top of your abstract. Abstracts that do not have complete identification information may not be accepted. The subject line of your e-mail must read: “Your Last Name, Dept AZ046-15.”

Notification
- Abstract Receipt: Notification of abstract receipt will be provided to you via e-mail.
- Abstract Acceptance: Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection will be provided to you via e-mail in July 2015.

Additional Copies of this Brochure
Additional copies of this “Call for Abstracts” brochure can be downloaded from the ARC web site at www.ar-coalition.com/news/respiratory or obtained by contacting Julie Maravalhas at (973) 443-3825, or julie.maravalhas@ar-coalition.com.
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