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**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:
COMBINING CLINICAL AND RESEARCH CAREERS IN NEUROSCIENCE
June 6-7, 2008
JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC**

March 7, 2008

Dear Neurology Department Chair:

We are excited to announce the sixth edition of the “Combining Clinical and Research Careers in Neuroscience” course to be held June 6-7, 2008 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. As in the past, the course is sponsored by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), together with the Association of University Professors of Neurology (AUPN) and the American Neurological Association (ANA).

As before, we want to invite students with at least one full year of neuroscience research training during medical school. Many, but not all, of these will be MD/PhD students. We wish to target students who have neuroscience research training and have completed some clinical training i.e., future clinician-scientists, to apply to attend this meeting in Washington, DC. This group will be thinking seriously about residency. An outstanding group of academic neurologists will discuss strategies for combining research and clinical activities from personal perspectives. Representatives from NINDS will present the many options that exist for continued research training, career development, research support, and repayment of academic debt. Most importantly, the students have ample time to interact with the faculty in small group discussions that supplement the formal presentations.

Based on previous meetings, we know that there are a large number of eligible students but that it is hard to identify them. We are contacting the directors of Medical Scientist Training Programs (MSTP) across the country, but frankly they have not always responded. Neurology will be greatly benefited by recruiting medical students with research expertise, and so we are asking for your help in identifying candidates for this meeting. **Please try to locate medical students in your own institution who have research training in neuroscience (this includes patient-oriented as well as laboratory-based research), and forward this meeting announcement, along with the enclosed application to them. Also, please contact the MSTP director at your institution to recommend this program and to suggest that the announcement be sent to all MSTP students.**

Travel costs and lodging for the meeting will be paid for the students. We want to encourage students in combining research and clinical work, and to introduce them to individuals who have mastered both. Enclosed is the agenda from the 2007 course to provide you with an idea of what the

program consists of. The 2008 program will be very similar to the 2007 program and a tentative agenda will be available for this year's course in late March.

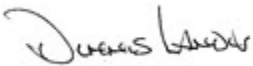
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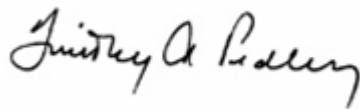
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*****Note: This is a sample agenda. The 2008 program may differ slightly from this format*****

HOW TO COMBINE CLINICAL AND RESEARCH CAREERS IN NEUROSCIENCE SYMPOSIUM - 2007 AGENDA

Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC

Friday, June 22, 2007

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

7:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Bruce Ransom, M.D., Ph.D., University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Story C. Landis, Ph.D., NINDS, Bethesda, MD*

7:45 - 8:45 p.m.

DINNER

8:45 - 9:30 p.m.

Combining Clinical and Research Careers: How I Am Doing It

*Craig Powell, M.D., Ph.D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center,
Dallas, TX*

Saturday, June 23, 2007

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Overview

Bruce Ransom, M.D., Ph.D., University of Washington, Seattle, WA

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Residency Training and Beyond: Transitions and Career Vulnerability

John W. Griffin, M.D., Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion

*Bruce Ransom, M.D., Ph.D., University of Washington, Seattle, WA
John W. Griffin, M.D., Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD*

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

NETWORKING LUNCH

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Research Training and Career Development

Dennis M Landis, M.D., Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Physician-Scientist. Career and Family: Can you have it all?

Eva L. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

3:30 - 3:45 p.m.

BREAK

3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Small Group Breakouts

5:30 - 7:15 p.m.

RECEPTION