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2007 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



# OUR MISSION

The Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) is the only public charity whose sole mission is to rapidly accelerate the discovery and development of drugs to prevent, treat and cure Alzheimer's disease, related dementias and cognitive aging.

We raise and award funds to academic and biotechnology scientists conducting drug discovery research in this field.

ADDF uses a venture philanthropy model to bridge the worldwide funding gap between basic research and later-stage development, using any return on investment to support new research.



# CHAIRMAN Leonard A. Lauder

The Lauder Family's support of the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation and its partner organization, The Institute for the Study of Aging, is based on a heart-felt belief that we *can* make an important contribution to developing drugs that will have a significant impact on this dreaded illness.



# PRESIDENT Nancy Corzine

Having lost my mother to Alzheimer's, I have painful, first-hand experience with the heartaches that will be avoided once effective drugs are introduced into the market. ADDF research funding, combined with our programs that bring scientists into productive partnerships, are the key to making tremendous strides. The innovative programs ADDF supports fill me with optimism.



# FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR . Howard Fillit, MD

Our venture philanthropy model is clearly enabling scientists to make progress in identifying novel Alzheimer's drugs. In the next five years, I believe drugs now in the pipeline will become available for patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

# 2007: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

VENTURE PHILANTHROPY FUND • The Fund for Alzheimer's Drug Discovery opened in January 2007 with \$1.95 million in assets, including a \$1 million capital commitment from the Aetna Foundation. During 2007, the Fund Board of Advisors approved six investments in biotechnology companies.

The Fund is distinctive in its approach to supporting ADDF's mission. Modeled on a traditional venture capital fund, the Venture Philanthropy Fund supports promising biotechnology companies that need capital in the early and risky stages of drug discovery.

Contributors to the Venture Philanthropy Fund can designate a 501(c)(3) organization to receive a pro rata return on investment, if and when biotechnology companies supported through the Fund achieve contractual milestones.

PARTNERSHIPS ADDF partnered with The Association for Frontotemporal Dementias (AFTD) to establish an award to fund scientists developing drugs to combat frontotemporal dementia. The ADDF/AFTD Frontotemporal Dementia Drug Discovery Program is also relevant to Alzheimer's disease, since both frontotemporal dementia and Alzheimer's share commonalities.

The ADDF/Elan Novel Approaches to Drug Discovery for Alzheimer's Disease program, now in its third year, enables ADDF and Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to pool resources and expertise. The collaboration will fund new therapies that effectively treat Alzheimer's disease.

**FUNDRAISING EFFORTS** • ADDF's inaugural Connoisseur's Dinner: An Evening of Wine and Art, held at Sotheby's in New York, raised more than \$830,000. The evening included a private viewing of Impressionist and Modern art and an auction of exclusive wines and luxury travel packages.

To raise public awareness about drug discovery for Alzheimer's disease and increase our constituent base, ADDF hosted *Dine and Learn* salons in Birmingham, Chicago, San Francisco, and Vail.

**NETWORKING FOR SUCCESS** • ADDF organizes two international scientific conferences yearly as part of our ongoing efforts to increase researchers' knowledge about Alzheimer's disease and the drug discovery process. The conferences promote networking to catalyze the exchange of ideas and foster alliances that accelerate the development of new treatments for AD.

Our Annual International Conference for Alzheimer's Disease Drug Discovery, held in October, focuses on the discovery and development of drugs targeting Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The Drug Discovery for Neurodegeneration conference, held in February, is designed to educate scientists on the process of translating basic neuroscience research into innovative therapies.



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Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute

A Peripheral Molecular Biomarker for Alzheimer's Disease: Transgenic and Clinical Studies to Define CNS Pathophysiologic Significance

Award: \$70,000

# Ben Bahr, PhD

University of Connecticut

In Vitro Testing of New Lysosomal Modulatory Drugs for Reducing Tau Aggregates in a Hippocampal Slice Model

Award: \$65,000

#### Larry Baum, PhD

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Testing 17-AAG for Treating Frontotemporal Dementia

Award: \$50,000

#### Roberta Diaz Brinton, PhD

University of Southern California

Allopregnanolone as a Neurogenic Factor for Recovery of Neurons in Alzheimer's Disease

Award: \$56,998

# Siew Yeen Chai, PhD

Howard Florey Institute

IRAP - Novel Target for the Development of Memory-Enhancing Agents

Award: \$88,000

# Gabriela Chiosis, PhD

Sloan-Kettering Institute

Development of Hsp90 Inhibitors as Novel Therapeutics for AD

Award: \$100,000

# A. Claudio Cuello, MD, DSc, FRSC

McGill University

A Novel Combined Experimental Therapy in an Alzheimer's Transgenic Model

Award: \$100.000

#### Christos Davatzikos, PhD University of Pennsylvania

Predicting Conversion From MCI to AD Via 4-Dimensional Pattern Analysis and Classification of ADNI Imaging Data

Award: \$98.484

#### Nazneen Dewji, PhD

University of California, San Diego

Novel Therapeutic Approaches for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease

Award: \$75,000

#### Douglas Feinstein, PhD University of Illinois

Regulation of Neprilysin Expression by Noradrenaline and PPARd Agonists

Award: \$90,000

#### Paul Gard, PhD

University of Brighton

Cognitive-Enhancing Effects of Angiotensin IV: An Investigation of Molecular Mechanisms

Award: \$16,000

#### Shaila Handattu, PhD

University of Alabama at Birmingham

HDL Modulation, Inflammation and Alzheimer's Disease

Award: \$89,016

#### Louis B. Hersh, PhD University of Kentucky

Neprilysin and Peripheral Clearance of Amyloid Peptides

Award: \$100.000

# Anthony Koleske, PhD

Yale University Medical School

Inhibition of Rho Signaling to Prevent Dendritic and Synapse Loss in Alzheimer's Disease

Award: \$100.000

#### Alan Kozikowski, PhD

University of Illinois at Chicago

Chromatin Remodelers for Recovery of Learning and Memory

Award: \$100,000

#### Warren C. Ladiges, DVM, MS

University of Washington

ER Stress-Mediated Regulation of APP Proteolysis and Signaling

Award: \$75,000

# Iliya M. Lefterov, MD, PhD

University of Pittsburgh

Identifying LXR Activators for Potential Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease

Award: \$150.000

# Yung-Feng Liao, PhD

Academia Sinica

Genetic Modifiers of Gamma-Secretase-Mediated Selective Cleavage of Amyloid Precursor Protein in Alzheimer's Disease

Award: \$50,000

#### Paul Lombroso, MD

Yale University Medical School

Screening for Inhibitors of STEP

Award: \$100,000

# Jose Luchsinger, MD, MPH

Columbia University

Pilot Trial of Metformin in the Prevention of Alzheimer's Disease

Award: \$100,000

## James Malter, PhD

University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School

Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease with mGluR5 Inhibitor

Award: \$96 427

#### Eva-Maria Mandelkow, MD, PhD

Max-Planck-Unit for Structural Molecular Biology

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#### Edward Nemergut, MD University of Virginia

The Use of High-Dose Intravenous Erythropoietin to Prevent Cognitive Dysfunction Following Cardiopulmonary Bypass

Award: \$94,972

#### Horacio Uri Saragovi, PhD

Lady Davis Institute for Medical Research, S.M.B.D. - Jewish General Hospital

Efficacy of TrkA-Targeted Neuroprotective Drugs in a Mouse Model of AD

Award: \$100,000

## Walter Schmidt, PhD

University of Georgia

Enhancing IDE-Mediated Destruction of Abeta and Other Amyloidogenic Peptides

Award: \$50,000

# Einar M. Sigurdsson, PhD

New York University School of Medicine

Clearance of Pathological Tau Conformers

Award: \$125,000

# Tara Spires-Jones, DPhil

Massachusetts General Hospital

Sirtuins as Modifiers of Neurodegeneration in a Mouse Model of Frontotemporal Dementia

Award: \$85,000

# Alvin Terry, PhD

Medical College of Georgia

New Drugs for Treating the Cognitive Deficits and Psychotic Symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease

Award: \$75,000

## Raz Yirmiya, PhD

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Role of Brain Interleukin-1 in Alzheimer's Disease-Associated Memory Disturbances

Award: \$40,000

#### Moussa B.H. Youdim, PhD

Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

Development and Molecular Mechanism of Neuroprotective Activity of Novel Bifunctional Cholineterase-Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitor-Iron Chelators for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease and Lewy Body Disease

Award: \$120.000

#### **BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS**

Luciano D'Adamio, MD, PhD

RemeGenix, Inc.

Commercialization of BR12 Peptides for AD

Award: \$100.000

#### Patricia Johnston, PhD

Cellumen, Inc.

Development of Cellular Systems Biology Models for AD Therapeutic Identification

Award: \$200,000

# Frank M. Longo, MD, PhD

PharmatrophiX

Inhibition of Alzheimer-Related Neurodegeneration by Small Molecule Neurotrophin Receptor Ligands

Award: \$300,000

# James G. Moe, PhD, MBA

Oligomerix, Inc.

Evaluation of Anti-Amyloid Compounds on Soluble Tau Oligomers, Synaptic Plasticity Inhibited by Tau, and Behavioral Deficits in a Tau P301L Mouse Model of Tauopathy

Award: \$100,000

# Manfred Windisch, PhD

JSW-Research Forschungslabor GmbH

β-synuclein Derived Peptides for the Treatment of Neurodegenerative Diseases

Award: \$120,000

# Vincent Zurawski, PhD

M30-Derived Neuroprotective-Neurorescue

Drugs for Alzheimer's Disease Award: \$180.000

# CONFERENCES

# Amos Korczyn, MD, MSc

Tel Aviv University

The Fifth International Congress on Vascular Dementia

Award: \$2.500

# Andrew Robertson, PhD

Keystone Symposia

Molecular Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration

Award: \$2.500

# Sally Shumaker, PhD

Wake Forest Health Sciences

11th Biennial Graylyn Conference on Women's Cognitive Health

Award: \$2,500

# FUNDING

The Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) is a public charity established in 2004 to expand upon the programs started by the Institute for the Study of Aging Inc. (ISOA), a private foundation founded by the Lauder family in 1998. ISOA provides crucial support for overhead and operational expenses, enabling ADDF to channel almost 80% of the revenue it raises to research programs.

During 2007, the ADDF raised more than \$2.7 million to bring total funding for our first four years of operation to over \$6 million.

ADDF in partnership with ISOA have awarded more than \$33 million for over 240 research programs in 12 countries since 1998. In 2007, the ADDF and ISOA approved \$4.5 million in grants to 44 research programs and 3 conferences worldwide. The total grant spending for 2007, including ongoing commitments, was \$6.1 million.

Due to increasing demand for funds to support Alzheimer's disease drug discovery research, ADDF and ISOA fund less than ten percent of the proposals received, leaving much valuable research unfunded.

The only way we can end the nightmare of Alzheimer's disease is to collectively support scientists in their research efforts to develop new drugs. We encourage you to partner with us to conquer Alzheimer's.

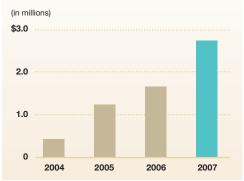
#### IMPACT OF FUNDING

The overarching impact of ADDF and ISOA's funding can be measured by:

- o Millions of compounds screened
- Novel leads and new classes of drugs developed
- Scores of patents applied for and granted
- Licensing and partnership agreements with pharmaceutical companies
- Innovative therapies that have now advanced into clinical development

#### THE GROWTH OF SUPPORT

ADDF raised more than \$2.7 million in 2007, almost seven times the amount raised in the first year.





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