Call for Abstracts

Travel Grant Submission Deadline: December 16, 2011
General Abstract Submission Deadline: January 6, 2012

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Baltimore, Maryland

The Fifteenth Annual Conference on Vaccine Research

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The Annual Conference on Vaccine Research provides high-quality, current reports of scientific progress featured in both invited presentations and submitted abstracts. The disparate fields covered in both human and veterinary vaccinology encourage valuable cross-fertilization of ideas and approaches among researchers otherwise focused on specific diseases or methods. The Conference has become the largest scientific meeting devoted exclusively to research on vaccines and associated technologies for disease prevention and treatment through immunization. As the premier venue for cutting edge learning, effective data sharing, and scientific collaboration on issues related to vaccines and immunization, the conference features international experts leading symposia and panel discussions on topical areas of basic immunology, product development, clinical testing, regulation, and other aspects of vaccine research. Opportunities for networking and scientific collaboration critical to advancing vaccine science and development will be available through audience discussions, poster presentations, meet the expert breakfast sessions, special luncheon lectures, sponsored exhibits, and receptions.

Target Audience
The conference is designed specifically for epidemiologists; immunologists; microbiologists; molecular biologists; nurses; nurse practitioners; pharmacologists; pharmacists; physicians; post-doctoral fellows; public health officials; researchers and scientists; vaccine, diagnostic, and device manufacturers; and veterinarians.

Conference Objectives
At the conclusion of the conference, participants should be able to:

• Discuss recent scientific advances that are contributing to the progress of vaccine development
• Identify research opportunities and scientific challenges associated with vaccine development, production, and distribution

Plenary Session Topics
• Vaccine Discovery
• Clinical Development in Vaccines/Vaccine Discovery
• Rotavirus Vaccines
• Vaccines for Enteric Disease
• Food Safety
• Vaccine Adjuvants
• Scientific Assessment to Recent Adverse Events Discovery

Abstract Categories
• Adjuvants and immunomodulators
• Antigen design and development
• Clinical studies and field trials for immunogenicity, reactogenicity, protection, efficacy
• Epidemiology: burden of disease relevant to prevention by vaccine
• Immunization programs, policies, philanthropy; vaccine economics, financing
• Immunologic science; antigen presentation and processing; immune response, memory, recall, enhancement
• New and emerging pathogens
• Other topics relevant to vaccines and immunization (e.g., history, lessons learned, new strategies, initiatives)
• Preclinical studies including animal models
• Routes and methods of antigen administration
• Vaccine manufacturing, production, scale-up
• Vaccine safety; patient and public acceptance and perception
• Vaccinology for veterinary and agricultural indications

International Travel Grant Program
Applications are currently being accepted for the 2012 Annual Conference on Vaccine Research Travel Grant Program. This initiative is designed to help vaccine and infectious disease researchers in countries with limited resources attend the conference. The monetary award covers expenses associated with the conference, including conference registration, economy international airfare, hotel, and meals. Previous travel grant awardees are not eligible for additional travel grant awards. Applicants will be required to upload a letter of recommendation and curriculum vitae as part of the submission process. Specific details regarding eligibility and the application process can be obtained at www.nfid.org.

Additional Conference Features
• Submitted presentations; meet the experts breakfast sessions; exhibit hall; International Travel Grant Program; Maurice R. Hilleman Early-Stage Career Investigator Award and Charles Mérieux Award presentations; Robert Austrian Memorial Lecture; and pre- and post-conference workshop and meeting.

Continuing Education
Continuing Medical Education (CME)
The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide Continuing Medical Education for physicians.

Continuing Nursing Education (CNE)
NFID is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Maryland Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

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