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**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:
COMBINING CLINICAL AND RESEARCH CAREERS IN NEUROSCIENCE
Late June 2008, Washington, DC**

Dear MSTP Director:

REMEMBER US? We would like to thank you for your help in making the 2007 “Combining Research and Clinical Careers in Neuroscience” course a great success. 63 exceptionally qualified students from throughout the United States participated in the program and the feedback we received was outstanding. The 2007 course was our fifth iteration of this annual course and we are now seeing many of those who participated in our earlier courses at neurology and child neurology residency interviews.

Many of these individuals cite this course as playing a crucial role in their decision to pursue a clinician/scientist career in neuroscience, and we are excited to announce the sixth edition of this valuable course on “Combining Clinical and Research Careers in Neuroscience” to be held late in June, 2008. 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). We invite students who may be candidates for combined research and clinical careers in the neurosciences, i.e., future clinician-scientists, to apply to attend this meeting in Washington, DC. 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 amply time to interact with the faculty in small group discussions that supplement the formal presentations.

We are looking for medical students who have completed at least one year of research training during medical school in disciplines pertinent to neurobiology. The ideal candidate will have also completed some required clinical clerkships, as this is the time when many students will be thinking about further clinical training. Medical students at other stages of their training may also be candidates. Both MD-PhD students and MDs with significant research training are encouraged to apply.

Travel and lodging expenses will be covered.

Again, previous meetings have been a great success. Students felt that they received information

highly relevant to their career planning and that this meeting helped demystify the clinician-scientist career pathway.

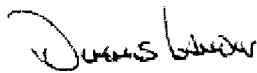
Details on “Combining Research and Clinical Careers in Neuroscience” including registration information and finalized meeting dates will be available in early February. Please forward this announcement to all students who might be eligible for this program so that they can plan to participate in this outstanding opportunity.



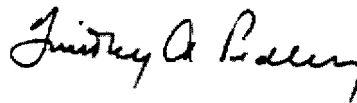
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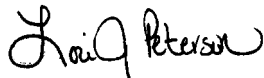
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