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**National Foundation for Infectious Diseases Announces 2017-2018 Board of Directors**

**Bethesda, MD (July 6, 2017)** - The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) is pleased to announce the election results for the 2017-2018 NFID Board of Directors and updated slate of officers. As the governing body, the Board of Directors establishes the strategic direction for NFID, ensures that annual goals are met, and provides financial oversight for the foundation.

The following new Directors joined the NFID Board for three year terms effective on July 1, 2017:

- Beth P. Bell, MD, MPH, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Past Director)
- Cristina Cassetti, PhD, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health
- Jeffrey A. Goad, PharmD, MPH, Chapman University School of Pharmacy
- Kathleen M. Neuzil, MD, MPH, Center for Vaccine Development, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Beth P. Bell, MD, MPH is past director of the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where she provided leadership for the prevention and control of a broad spectrum of infectious diseases, including rare but deadly diseases such as Ebola and anthrax. Dr. Bell earned her MD at Yale University and her MPH at the University of Rochester School of Medicine.

Cristina Cassetti, PhD is responsible for leadership, execution, and oversight of NIH extramural research programs on several infectious diseases and the scientific direction, administration, and management of the virology branch in the division of microbiology and infectious diseases at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Cassetti earned her PhD at the University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy.

Jeffrey A. Goad, PharmD, MPH is the immediate past-president of the California Immunization Coalition, the first pharmacist to lead the group. He is also immediate past-chair and founding member of the Pharmacists Professional Group Section of the International Society of Travel Medicine. Dr. Goad earned his PharmD at the University of Southern California, School of Pharmacy and his MPH at the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine.

Kathleen M. Neuzil, MD, MPH is deputy director of the University of Maryland School of Medicine Institute for Global Health and director of the Center for Vaccine Development. Throughout her career, she has conducted clinical and epidemiologic studies on numerous vaccine-preventable diseases, including work on influenza and rotavirus, that have informed domestic and international vaccine policy. Dr. Neuzil earned her MD at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and her MPH at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

The complete list of 2017-2018 NFID Board of Directors, is below. This esteemed group of public health leaders officially began responsibilities on July 1, 2017.

- Beth P. Bell, MD, MPH, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Past Director)
- Joseph A. Bocchini, Jr., MD, NFID President-Elect, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
- Ruth M. Carrico, PhD, RN, University of Louisville School of Medicine
- Cristina Cassetti, PhD, NFID Federal Liaison, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health
- Richard J. Duma, MD, PhD, NFID Director Emeritus
- Jeffrey Engel, MD, Council on State and Territorial Epidemiologists
- Jeffrey A. Goad, PharmD, MPH, Chapman University School of Pharmacy
- Michael D. Hogue, PharmD, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Samford University
- Lisa S. Ipp, MD, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York-Presbyterian
- Patrick Joseph, MD, NFID Immediate Past-President, University of California, San Francisco
- William J. Ledger, MD, Weill Cornell Medical College
- Kathleen M. Neuzil, MD, MPH, Center for Vaccine Development, University of Maryland School of Medicine
- Walter A. Orenstein, MD, NFID President, Emory Vaccine Center
- Georges Peter, MD, NFID Treasurer, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University
- Kevin Rooney, NFID Vice Treasurer, Beacon Consulting Group
- Patricia A. Stinchfield, RN, MS, CPNP, CIC, NFID Secretary, Children's Minnesota
- H. Keipp B. Talbot, MD, MPH, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- Patricia N. Whitley-Williams, MD, NFID Vice President, Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
- William Schaffner, NFID Medical Director, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- Marla Dalton, PE, CAE, NFID Executive Director & CEO

The NFID Board of Directors also expresses their appreciation to outgoing Director George M. Eliopoulos, MD, professor of medicine, Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, for his service to NFID.

### **About the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases**

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1973 and dedicated to educating the public and healthcare professionals about the causes, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases across the lifespan.

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