



NFID to Present Prestigious Awards at Upcoming Gala

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) announces honorees for its 2011 Annual Awards Dinner on Tuesday, March 22, 2011—**Drs. R. Palmer Beasley and Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.**

NFID will present the **Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement** to Dr. Beasley for his distinguished scientific career in preventive medicine and infectious diseases. The Maxwell Finland Award is presented to a scientist who has made outstanding contributions to the understanding of infectious diseases or public health.

Dr. Ghebreyesus will be honored with the **Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award** for his efforts to improve the health of Ethiopians by addressing specific diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS. This award recognizes outstanding humanitarian efforts and achievements that have improved the health of humankind.

R. Palmer Beasley, MD



Dr. R. Palmer Beasley, Ashbel Smith Professor at The University of Texas School of Public Health, developed an interest in hepatitis early in his career. Dr. Beasley led the effort to include the hepatitis B vaccine in the **World**

Health Organization's global Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI). Through extensive research, Dr. Beasley and his colleagues proved that hepatitis B virus (HBV) is a primary cause of liver cancer, and that a salient path of transmission is from mothers to infants during childbirth. As a

result of Dr. Beasley's findings vaccination program around the world have prevented untold numbers of deaths.

Dr. Beasley conducted his remarkable research career in Taiwan, as the director of the American Medical Research unit at the U.S. Naval Research Unit in Taipei, where he and his colleagues studied and wrote about hepatitis B. The studies led by Dr. Beasley were "incredible in terms of size and thoroughness," stated **Herbert L. DuPont, MD**, former NFID president and recipient of the 2007 Maxwell Finland Award.

Under Dr. Beasley's leadership the Center for Infectious Disease at the University of Texas was established in 1989. During the same year Dr. Beasley lead an effort to better understand the global impact of AIDS. He worked to create a partnership between the University of Texas and the University of Zambia to evaluate HIV transmission via breast milk. He also assisted in the development of the AIDS Research and Control Center (ARCON) in Mumbai, India. His collaborative efforts and administrative leadership earned the program a 22 million dollar grant from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

Dr. Beasley also led a SARS taskforce in 2003 to assist the government of Taiwan. He serves as an advisor to the WHO and other government in their hepatitis control program.

Dr. Beasley has received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Scientist Award from the Hepatitis B Foundation. "He has saved countless lives from cirrhosis and liver cancer through his work on the epidemiology and prevention of hepatitis B. He is a giant in the field of infectious diseases," said Dr. DuPont.

Minister Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus



Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has served as Ethiopia's Minister of Health for the past five years. Under his leadership the country has embarked on an effort to improve the health of Ethiopians by addressing specific

diseases such as malaria and HIV/AIDS and to improve the structure and capacity for health services, with a special emphasis on maternal care.

Dr. Tedros made malaria elimination his first priority as minister of public health. His efforts included a universal bed net coverage program for the entire country. As a result 20 million bed nets were distributed to protect 50 million persons at

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NFID Launches Influenza Season**A Strong Showing of Support for New Universal Recommendation**

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) launched the influenza season on October 7th, bringing together more partners than ever before to call on all Americans to get vaccinated this season. Held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, NFID's Annual Influenza/Pneumococcal News Conference served as a national platform to communicate strong support for the new universal influenza immunization recommendation.

A diverse panel representing ten of the country's influential medical and public health groups conveyed critical public health messages about influenza and pneumococcal immunization. Collaborating organizations included the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, **American Medical Association (AMA)**, **American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)**, **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)**, **American Pharmacists Association (APhA)**, **AARP**, **Indian Health Services**, **National Medical Association (NMA)** and **National Influenza Vaccine Summit**.

The overriding message was loud and clear: "The best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu is to get vaccinated each and every year," said keynote speaker **Thomas R. Frieden, MD**, CDC director. "Today no one needs to ask, 'should I get the vaccine'?" The answer for everyone is 'yes.'

This message was captured by broadcast and print media generating significant national attention with coverage in the Wall Street Journal, Reuters, Bloomberg, Time and U.S. News and World Report, and more; broadcast coverage included major networks and top-tier cable stations, including CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX and C-SPAN.

Health experts see a nation more prepared than ever to protect itself against the burdens of influenza

Vaccine supply is expected to top 150 million doses, according to **Daniel B. Jernigan, MD, MPH**, deputy director of the CDC Influenza Division, who gave an update on vaccine supply and expectations for this season. Experts also noted there are more

vaccine options now with nasal spray, injectable and the high dose influenza vaccine for the elderly, as well as a plentiful supply of antiviral medication as a second line of defense in fighting influenza.

The panelists also addressed the importance of pneumococcal disease immunization for those for whom it is recommended. Pneumococcal vaccine can be given at the same time as influenza vaccination.

New Research Insights

NFID commissioned research to better understand physician and patient attitudes and behaviors about influenza vaccination, and help ensure that its communications were well-informed. **William Schaffner, MD**, NFID president, shared results that indicated 95 percent of US physicians will be vaccinated against influenza this season. Previously reported lower vaccination rates among all health care personnel has led to the misconception that physicians don't get vaccinated.

"Almost all the doctors I know tell me they get vaccinated each and every year," said Dr. Schaffner. "So NFID decided to survey this group and what we learned was very encouraging. Physicians are practicing what they preach; they are personally committed to influenza vaccination."

A separate consumer survey showed the importance of the physician recommendation in motivating patients to get vaccinated. Nearly seven in ten mothers said their child's pediatrician was the first person they would turn to for information about influenza and vaccination noted **Judith S. Palfrey, MD, FAAP**, AAP Immediate Past President. She explained how influenza disproportionately affected pregnant women and young children last season, and called upon pediatricians and their OB/GYN colleagues to help promote vaccination to their patients. **Laura E. Riley, MD**, representing ACOG, reinforced the importance of vaccinating pregnant women to protect them and their babies.

Stephan L. Foster, PharmD., representing APhA, noted that there are more

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risk of malaria by 2007. “This was one of the most ambitious and successful efforts in public health history,” said **John B. Hardman, MD**, president and CEO of the Carter Center.

Minister Tedros has also worked to improve both the quality and access of health care for rural populations in Ethiopia. He supported the campaign to recruit and train 30,000 health extension workers, all local women, to live and work in the rural villages of Ethiopia. The workers provide basic health services, make referrals and conduct community health education. Their work is essential in eliminating malaria and improving general hygiene.

In addition to malaria, Minister Tedros has been supportive in the control and elimination of other tropical diseases. He has been instrumental in the Guinea Worm Eradication Program and the Trachoma Control Program. He has also done significant work in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention and control. Under his leadership the prevalence of HIV/AIDS among 15 - 49 year olds dropped from 6.6% in 2002 to 2.3% in 2009. Access to antiretroviral therapy has been expanded from a few thousand to hundreds of thousands of people during this timeframe.

Minister Tedros has co-authored numerous articles on malaria in prominent scientific publications. He also contributed to a 1999 study describing malaria incidence among children living near dams in northern Ethiopia. His contribution in this area earned him the distinction of “Young Investigator of the Year” from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

During the March, 2011 Awards Dinner NFID will also honor NFID Immediate Past President **George C. Hill, PhD** with the John P. Utz Leadership Award. The John P. Utz Leadership Award is presented to individuals that have worked tirelessly in a leadership capacity on behalf of NFID. Dr. Utz, a champion in the fight against infectious diseases, was one of the founders of NFID in the early 1970s. Dr. Hill has been a member of the NFID Board of Directors since 1999 and was its president from 2008-2010. Under Dr. Hill's leadership, NFID focused on vaccine disparity issues and medical care for underserved minority populations.

The Event

The Awards Dinner will take place on the evening of March 22, 2011 at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City in Arlington, VA. Individual seats for the NFID Awards Dinner are \$350 per person. Sponsored tables of ten are available for \$9,000. NFID is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, and as a result most of this cost is tax deductible. Net proceeds from the event will be used to develop public and professional education about infectious diseases.

For more information please contact Sharon Cooper-Kerr at (301) 656-0003, ext 14.

Previous Recipients of the Maxwell Finland Award

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2008	Martin S. Hirsch, MD
2007	Hebert L. DuPont, MD
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2005	John G. Bartlett, MD
2004	George H. McCracken, Jr., MD
2003	George W. Comstock, MD, DrPh
2002	Jerome O. Klein, MD
2001	Robert Austrian, MD
2000	R. Gordon Douglas, MD
1999	Stanley Falkow, PhD
1998	Maurice R. Hilleman, PhD
1997	Joshua Lederberg, PhD
1996	The Honorable Paul G. Rogers
1995	The Honorable Dale Bumpers and Mrs. Betty F. Bumpers
1994	The Honorable Elizabeth Hanford Dole
1993	Arthur Ashe, Jr.
1992	Michael E. DeBakey, MD
1991	Mrs. Albert Lasker
1990	P. Roy Vagelos, MD
1989	Anthony S. Fauci, MD
1988	C. Everett Koop, MD

Previous Recipients of the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award

2010	Jennifer L. Howse, PhD
2009	Ann Lurie
2008	Louis W. Sullivan, MD
2007	William H. Foege, MD, MPH
2006	Paul E. Farmer, MD, PhD
2005	Former President William Jefferson Clinton
2004	Henri Landwirth
2003	The Honorable John Edward Porter
2002	William “Bill” H. Gates, III and Melinda F. Gates
2001	Senator John D. Rockefeller, IV
2000	Robert Edward “Ted” Turner, III
1999	David Satcher, M.D., PhD
1998	General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret)
1997	Former President Jimmy Carter and Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter

Physician Recommendation Key Factor in Mothers' Decisions about Vaccinating Children against Influenza

Childhood Influenza Immunization Coalition Launches New Tools to Help Physicians Spread the Word

When asked "What would motivate you to get your child vaccinated for influenza?" a resounding seven in ten mothers said they would first turn to their pediatrician, according to a new consumer survey conducted by the **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases'** (NFID) *Childhood Influenza Immunization Coalition* (CIIC). Tellingly, the survey also found that more than three-quarters of mothers who do not plan to vaccinate their children this year stated that their pediatrician or primary care provider left the decision up to them and they chose not to give their child another vaccine. These are important insights for our nation's health care professionals.

The *Coalition* has conducted research over the past several years to gain a better understanding of perceptions and behaviors surrounding influenza and influenza vaccination among mothers of children six months through 18 years, and to strive to increase vaccination rates, ensuring that all children are protected. *CIIC* has launched a series of tools and programs that reflect research findings. The goal is to help health care professionals educate patients and parents about influenza, and communicate their commitment to influenza immunization.

Influenza Immunization Commitment Statement. This statement of support allows health care professionals to showcase their commitment, by displaying signed declarations in their offices. It includes CDC's universal immunization recommendation for everyone six months of age and older, quick facts about influenza and a place for the health care professional's signature.

InFLUencing Healthy Choices.

This turnkey program offers customizable resources including slide presentations and backgrounders to *Coalition* members to encourage them to engage in ongoing communication about the benefits of childhood influenza immunization. The tools can be used in a variety of settings such as pharmacies, the workplace, schools, and PTA meetings as well as for a variety of patient populations (pregnant women, individuals with cardiac disease, etc).

NFID's pediatric-focused outreach efforts, designed to improve pediatric influenza immunization rates that have fallen far short of national goals, are carried out through the *Coalition*, which is supported by more than 30 of the nation's leading medical, public health and parent organizations. For more information visit: www.preventchildhoodinfluenza.org.

2011 Traveling Professorship in Rural Areas Grant Applications

The **National Foundation for Infectious Diseases** (NFID) invites individuals to apply for the 2011 Traveling Professorship in Rural Areas. This grant is funded through the NFID Steven R. Mostow Endowment for Outreach Programs and is intended to provide support for the recipient to provide face-to-face infectious diseases education to practicing physicians in rural areas in the recipient's state of residence or primary practice.

The grant will be made in a one-time cash payment of \$10,000. All applications must be postmarked by January 3, 2011. For more information regarding eligibility and application instructions please visit the NFID website www.nfid.org/pdf/awards/professorship.pdf.

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non-traditional vaccination sites and providers administering the influenza vaccine than ever before. "Influenza vaccine can be administered at a physician's office, at a workplace-sponsored clinic, in pharmacies across the nation, and in other retail outlets," he said. "One thing is certain: inconvenience is no longer an excuse for avoiding vaccination."

Several other prestigious panelists helped to address the media and the 100 participants who joined the news conference via webcast:

Winston Price, MD, past president of the NMA, highlighted the need to close immunization gaps among all populations. Pointing to the vulnerability of ethnic pop-

ulations with chronic health conditions.

John T. Redd, MD, MPH, of the Indian Health Service added, "The best way to narrow this gap is to prevent influenza through universal vaccination."

AMA Director for Medicine and Public Health, **Litjen (L.J) Tan, PhD**, stated "All healthcare professionals have an ethical, as well as a professional, responsibility to get vaccinated. This is not only to protect their patients, but also to protect themselves and their families because patients can give them influenza and they can take it home as well."

Cheryl Matheis, senior vice president at AARP, spoke about the needs of the 50+ population and how staying healthy with

"simple preventive measures like flu vaccinations not only keeps them healthy and active, but helps protect their loved ones."

The morning after the conference, NFID's Dr. Schaffner teamed up with CDC's Dr. Jernigan for a satellite TV and radio tour that expanded the reach of the news conference content. Their messages were designed to ensure that people in communities throughout the country know where and how they can get vaccinated, and why it's important to them and those around them.

To view the news conference online, please visit www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=72638.

International Experts to Discuss Developments in Vaccine Research at 14th Annual Conference

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) will sponsor the Fourteenth Annual Conference on Vaccine Research: Basic Science, Clinical Research, and Veterinary Medicine, on May 16 - 18, 2011, at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. Collaborating organizations include the American Pharmacists

Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research-Food and Drug Administration, the Center for Vaccine Development-University of Maryland, Emory Vaccine Center, Fondation Mérieux, International Association for Biologicals, the International Society for Vaccines, the International Vaccine Institute, the Jenner Society, the National

Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute, Sealy Center for Vaccine Development, Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The conference, designed to bring together the diverse disciplines involved in the research and development of vaccines, will refocus its content on basic science, clinical research and veterinary medicine. Expert faculty from various disciplines will present the latest vaccine-related scientific data, results, and issues via symposia and panel discussions.

Conference Plenary Sessions

- One Health Initiatives
- Advances and Challenges in the Development of Herpesvirus Vaccines
- Status of HIV Vaccines
- Genomics
- Special Populations in Immunology
- Alternative Animal Models in Vaccine Discovery




Martyn Jeggo, PhD, BVetMed, Australian Animal Health Laboratory, will present the Keynote Address on One Health Initiatives.

The 14th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research will also feature the presentation of the Maurice R. Hilleman Early-stage Career Investigator Award, which memorializes the lifetime achievements of Dr. Maurice R. Hilleman in the field of vaccinology. The award recognizes individuals in the early stages of their careers in any field of vaccinology, from basic research, through pre-clinical and clinical studies, manufacturing and production, to related research in public health, agriculture, health delivery, policy and regulatory matters.

The Vaccine Research Conference will include Meet the Experts breakfast sessions and ample opportunities for scientific exchange and networking.


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








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Clinical Vaccinology Course Scheduled

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) announces its **Clinical Vaccinology Course**. The course, co-sponsored by NFID, Emory Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases and the Emory Vaccine Center will be held March 4-6, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

Course collaborating organizations include the **American Academy of Pediatrics**, the **American Academy of Physician Assistants**, the **American College Health Association**, the **American Medical Association**, the **American Society of Health-System Pharmacists**, **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, **National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners** and the **Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists**.

The course is specifically designed for primary care physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, public health specialists, infectious disease specialists and other health care professionals involved with clinical aspects of vaccinology.

The Clinical Vaccinology Course will feature sessions addressing:

- How Vaccines Work
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Update on Vaccine Recommendations
- Childhood Immunization
- Special Vaccine Issues
- Immunization Challenges
- Communications Issues
- Clinical Cases in Vaccinology
- Special Populations

Keynote presentations include:

- *An Overview of Vaccinology*—**Walter A. Orenstein, MD**
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- *Global Immunization Disparities: Reaching Every Child*—**Orin S. Levine, PhD**
Johns Hopkins University
Bloomberg School of Medicine

In addition, the course will feature Meet the Experts breakfast sessions to allow attendees an opportunity to network with seasoned colleagues specializing in vaccinology.

The Clinical Vaccinology Course has been planned and implemented in accordance

with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). NFID designates this educational activity for a maximum of 16.75 AMA *PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*TM. 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. This educational activity has been approved for 16.75 contact hours. The course will also offer pharmacy education credits through PharmCon, which is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider for continuing pharmacy education.

Online registration is now open for the course. The cost to attend is \$550 prior to January 24, 2011 and \$650 after this date. Discounted course registration will be offered to medical students, doctoral students, residents, fellows, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and NFID supporting members. Additional information about the course, including full course agenda and faculty listing, is available on the NFID website, www.nfid.org.

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Abstracts for oral and poster presentations may be submitted at www.nfid.org/conferences/vaccine11. Abstracts must be received by January 24, 2011. The complete preliminary program and online registration may be found at the conference website link. Applications and abstract submissions for the International Travel Grant program are being accepted through December 27, 2010.

The conference was developed for researchers, scientists, epidemiologists, microbiologists, immunologists, molecular biologists, physicians and veterinarians, vaccine manufacturers, and public health officials who have an interest in vaccine research. NFID designates this CME activity for a maximum of 18.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

Continuing Education credits will be offered for nurses. This 18.5 contact hour Education Activity is provided by NFID. 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.

Registration fees are \$475 prior to April 4, 2011 and \$575 after this date. NFID will offer discounted conference admission to medical students, doctoral students, residents, fellows, physician assistants, nurses, and NFID supporting members. For more information about registration or abstract submission, call NFID at (301) 656-0003 x19, fax: (301) 907-0878, e-mail: vaccine@nfid.org or you may visit the NFID website at www.nfid.org/conferences/vaccine11

New to the conference this year is an academic vaccinology workshop, Writing and Submitting a Vaccine Research Paper. The preconference workshop will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011. This program will help authors prepare sound scientific articles while addressing issues such as conflict of interest, authorship, copyright, and submitting to an appropriate journal.

The **International Association for Biologicals** will hold its program on Adventitious Agents, New Technology and Risk Assessment on May 19 - 20, 2011, immediately after the Vaccine Research Conference concludes.

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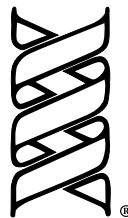
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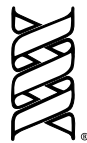
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