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Dear Colleagues:

The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) has a new design for the Fall 2013 issue of its quarterly newsletter, *The Double Helix*®. 2013 has been an exciting year for NFID, as we celebrate our 40th anniversary, say farewell to a long-time leader, and welcome a new Executive Director to the helm. We celebrate the past and a look forward to a great future at NFID.



This issue focuses on NFID's activities focused on providing education about the causes, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases to both healthcare professionals and the public.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue and encourage you to share it with your colleagues. Let us know your thoughts on the new format.

Have a great fall season!

Thomas M. File, Jr., MD
NFID President

NFID News

[Subscribe](#) to the NFID blog, [NFID News](#). Top 5 most read posts are as follows:

[NFID Welcomes New Executive Director](#)

This summer, NFID said goodbye to longtime executive director, Leonard Novick, and also welcomed Marla Dalton, PE, CAE as the new head of the organization. Dalton joined NFID in December 2010 as senior director education and public outreach and has worked to advance the organization's mission to educate both the public and healthcare professionals about the causes, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases. Since joining NFID, she has integrated NFID's public and professional education offerings; provided oversight for NFID's continuing medical education programs; and managed communications outreach initiatives, including website development and social media initiatives to foster increased collaboration. [Read more](#)



[Healthcare Professionals Are Key to Boosting Immunization](#)

National Immunization Awareness Month was observed during the month of August. As a partnering organization, NFID helped promote the importance of immunization in keeping our communities healthy. "Too few adults are taking advantage of the protection vaccines provide, leaving themselves and those around them at greater risk." [Read more](#)



[Tribute to Outgoing Executive Director](#)

After 18 years of dedicated service as NFID executive director, Len Novick retired on June 30, 2013. [Read more](#)



[Last Minute Overseas Travel: A Potential Health Risk](#)

Jay S. Keystone, MD of the University of Toronto and Toronto General Hospital wrote a guest blog post on travel vaccines. Dr. Keystone will be a featured speaker at the NFID 2013 Fall [Clinical Vaccinology Course](#), November 15-17, 2013 in Cambridge, MA. [Read more](#)



2nd Annual NFID Flu Season Awareness Night at Washington Nationals Baseball Game

To help spread the word about the importance of annual flu vaccination, NFID is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Flu Season Awareness Night at the Washington Nationals game in Washington, DC vs. the Atlanta Braves on Monday, September 16, 2013. Tickets within the reserved group of discounted field level seats may be purchased online at www.nationals.com/flu with a portion of ticket sales being donated to NFID.

Planned activities at the game include:

- NFID public service announcement "[Are You That Guy?](#)" showing on the Jumbotron prior to the start of the game
- Scoreboard welcome message
- Staff at the community kiosk inside the stadium distributing educational materials including [CoughSpot\(TM\)](#) temporary tattoos, [flu fighter coloring books](#), and vouchers for those receiving flu vaccines at Harris Teeter stores
- Special guest appearance and photo opportunity with the Flu Bugs at the community kiosk

We hope to see you on game day!

NFID Fall 2013 Clinical Vaccinology Course

The NFID 2013 Fall [Clinical Vaccinology Course](#) is scheduled for November 15-17, 2013 in Cambridge, MA.

The 2 1/2 day course is targeted to physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, public health professionals, vaccine program administrators, and other healthcare professionals interested in clinical aspects of vaccine delivery.

The course provides course to get critical information about vaccines, including the latest ACIP immunization recommendations, and strategies to increase vaccination rates.

Earn up to 21.75 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), available for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists. Register today! **Save \$100 when you register by September 30!**

NFID 2014 Awards Dinner - Mark Your Calendar!

NFID has announced the recipients of the 2014 [Maxwell Finland Scientific](#) and the [Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian](#) Awards.

Dr. Richard L. Guerrant will receive the Maxwell Finland Award and **Dr. David A. Walton** will receive the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Award. Both awards will be presented on **Tuesday, March 4, 2014** at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City. Online tickets sales available November 2013. For additional information including details on submitting nominations for future awards, visit: www.nfid.org.



Happy 40th Anniversary to NFID!

NFID is turning 40! Created in 1973 by a group of individuals in the Infectious Disease Division at the Medical College of Virginia as a non-governmental organization to help support research, education, and the prevention of infectious diseases.

Those individuals remained active in NFID for many years and include the follow:

Dr. Smith Shadomy served as a founding NFID director and was active with the organization until his death in 1991.

Dr. Richard J. Duma was NFID's president from 1973-1991 and also served as its third executive director from 1991-1994. He served for the next nine years as an NFID trustee, six years as an NFID director, and is currently director emeritus.

Dr. H. Jean Shadomy served as Secretary/Treasurer and then Secretary of NFID for more than 20 years, and served an additional term as an NFID trustee.

Dr. John P. Utz was NFID's first president and served as NFID's vice president for 18 years. He was called back into service as president from 1991–1994 and continued to sit on the NFID Board of Directors as its president emeritus until 2004. Dr. Utz died in 2006.

Today NFID continues its mission to provide education about the causes, treatment, and prevention of infectious diseases. Learn more about [NFID's history](#) and programs.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 16, 2013: [2nd Annual Flu Awareness Night at Washington Nationals Baseball Game](#), Washington, DC

September 26, 2013: NFID Influenza/Pneumococcal News Conference, Washington DC

November 15-17, 2013: [Clinical Vaccinology Course](#), Boston, MA

March 4, 2014: NFID Awards Dinner, Arlington, VA

March 21-23, 2014: [Clinical Vaccinology Course](#), Seattle, WA

April 28-30, 2014: [17th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research](#), Bethesda, MD

November 7-9, 2014: [Clinical Vaccinology Course](#), Houston, TX

April 13-15, 2015: [18th Annual Conference on Vaccine Research](#), Bethesda, MD

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