Annual Awards Dinner and Symposium

Thursday, November 7, 2019
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MILSTEIN MEDICAL ASIAN AMERICAN Partnership Foundation

Congratulations to My Fellow Honorees and to the AMERICAN FEDERATION FOR AGING RESEARCH for Science and Innovation that Improves the Quality of Life at Middle Age and Beyond.

Howard P. Milstein, Chair MILSTEIN MEDICAL ASIAN AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION
Howard P. Milstein established Milstein Medical Asian American Partnership (MMAAP) Foundation in 2011 after meeting with the Chinese Ministry of Health. The founding vision seeks to advance medical research in the U.S. and China and to improve world health by facilitating a bilateral relationship between the two countries. As such, MMAAP Foundation facilitates interactions between Howard’s medical philanthropic interests in the U.S. and leading Chinese efforts in clinical care and medical research.

Howard established the Irma and Paul Milstein Program for Senior Health through MMAAP Foundation at Johns Hopkins University.

Each year, MMAAP Foundation awards fellowships and research projects in each of four medical fields as they apply to the life cycle, with a particular emphasis on senior health:

- Senior Health
- Dermatology
- Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine
- Translational Medicine

Since its founding, MMAAP Foundation has awarded more than 60 Fellowship and Research Project Awards to support the work of exceptional scientists and investigators from over 30 prestigious Chinese medical institutions, as well as world class American universities, such as Johns Hopkins, Harvard, and Columbia. Of these awards, 12 fellowships and 7 research projects support the work of Chinese physicians and scientists in improving senior health.

Through the Irma and Paul Milstein Program for Senior Health, Howard donated 1 million Chinese Yuan (RMB) to support a national senior health survey in China. The survey was designed to help build an infrastructure and platform for geroscience development in China.

MMAAP Foundation sponsors groundbreaking symposia:

- In 2014, MMAAP Foundation hosted a bilateral Sino-U.S. Symposium at the Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Beijing, China in which researchers presented their findings in the fields of geriatrics, dermatology, stem cell research and regenerative medicine, reproductive medicine, and translational medicine.
- In 2019, MMAAP Foundation partnered with the National Institute on Aging and AFAR to co-sponsor the Geroscience Symposium, “Aging Mechanisms and Intervention that Impact Senior Health” in Shenzhen, China—the first of a series of seven international meetings on geroscience. The Symposium brought together Chinese and international researchers and opinion leaders from academia, industry, government agencies, private foundations, and public advocacy groups working on topics related to aging.

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With the support of MMAAP Foundation, 115 scientific articles have been published in leading English or Chinese professional journals, of which more than 50 focus on aging.

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AFAR SCIENTIFIC AWARDS

AFAR presents two annual Scientific Awards to members of the aging research community whose outstanding work advances the field. These awards are based on nominations from peers. The awards are recognized this evening, as well as at a ceremony at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, where the awardees will present lectures.

The Irving S. Wright Award of Distinction is named for the founder of AFAR, a renowned clinician, researcher, and educator whose groundbreaking contributions extended beyond the field of geriatric medicine. This award honors exceptional contributions to basic or clinical research in the field of aging by a member of the scientific community. The 2019 recipient of AFAR's Irving S. Wright Award is Pinchas "Hassy" Cohen, MD, Dean of the Leonard Davis School of Gerontology at the University of Southern California. This award is presented in admiration of his exemplary accomplishments as a researcher, educator, and mentor; in recognition of his pioneering explorations in the field of aging, which have embodied the highest intellectual vigor and the potential to profoundly impact human healthspan; and in appreciation of his leadership, which has earned him the highest respect of his peers around the world.

The namesake of the The Vincent Cristofalo Rising Star Award in Aging Research devoted his professional career to advancing aging research, and encouraging younger scientists to investigate important problems in the biology of aging. This award recognizes investigators whose work is deemed likely to be highly influential for decades to come, as they have already made major discoveries in the fundamental biology of aging. The recipient of the 2019 Vincent Cristofalo Award is Nathan LeBrasseur, PhD, Associate Professor at Mayo Clinic Rochester. This award is presented in recognition of his enormous potential in advancing knowledge in the biology of aging, influencing the progress of such research, and inspiring future scientists; in celebration of his exceptional contributions to the field of aging research, embodying the highest standards of scientific research, and yielding new insights in understanding aging processes; and in appreciation of the admiration he has gained from peers and supporters of aging research.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Meredith Vieira

Ms. Vieira, emcee of this evening’s awards ceremony, is a 15-time Emmy Award-winning host, executive producer and anchor. In 2018, she hosted the PBS special, Incredible Aging, featuring more than one dozen AFAR experts. Currently, Ms. Vieira hosts the FOX-syndicated game show 25 Words or Less. In 2018, she served as co-host of PBS and BBC’s Royal Wedding Watch and as host of the PBS series The Great American Read. She served as executive producer on the award-winning documentary TOWER, released in October 2016. Ms. Vieira hosted and served as executive producer on her own nationally syndicated daytime talk show, titled The Meredith Vieira Show, which premiered in September 2014 and ran for two seasons. Previously, she received critical acclaim for her hosting of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire, The Today Show, and The View. As host of Millionaire, Ms. Vieira became the longest-standing female game show host in history. She is also a member of an elite group to have anchored or hosted programs on five broadcast networks. Early in her career, Ms. Vieira spent more than a decade at CBS News, garnering five Emmy Awards for her work as an editor on the news magazines 60 Minutes and West 57th. She founded and is CEO of Meredith Vieira Productions, which develops and produces film, television, and theatre. A native of Providence, R.I., Ms. Vieira received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Tufts University in Medford, Mass. She has three children, Ben, Gabe, and Lily, with her husband, best-selling author and journalist Richard Cohen.
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Global Coalition on Aging congratulates
Alan Alda
Howard P. Milstein
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and
Nathan LeBrasseur
and
AFAR for its leadership in advancing healthy aging

Life Biosciences
Congratulates this year’s Honorees
and
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for 38 Years of
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is pleased to include in tonight’s celebrations
Our Warmest Wishes for a
Very Happy Birthday to
Our Past President and Valued Board Member

Terrie Fox Wetle, PhD
Professor, Department of Health Services Research,
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Inaugural Dean, Brown University School of Public Health
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Laura & Nir Barzilai
The American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR) is a national non-profit organization that supports and advances pioneering biomedical research that is revolutionizing how we can live healthier and longer.

For nearly four decades, AFAR has served as the field’s talent incubator, providing more than $181 million to nearly 4,200 investigators at premier research institutions nationwide and around the world.

A trusted leader and strategist, AFAR also works with public and private funders to steer high quality grant programs and interdisciplinary research networks.

AFAR-funded researchers are finding that modifying basic cellular processes can delay—or even prevent—many chronic diseases, often at the same time. They are discovering that it is never too late—or too early—to improve health. This groundbreaking science is paving the way for innovative new therapies that promise to improve and extend our quality of life—at any age.

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