

MEDIA ALERT

Pfizer, NIH, and Aging Research Experts to speak at Nov 3 Online Symposium

WHAT: **Science is Vital: Targeting Age-Related Disease Through Biomedical Breakthroughs**, a scientific symposium and award ceremony. The free, online, program will bring together experts across the biology of aging, age-related disease, immunology, public health, and innovation to discuss: how does the biology of age-related diseases drive the biology of aging, and vice versa; how do the biological processes of aging impact older adults' susceptibility to communicable and non-communicable disease; how has COVID-19 reframed addressing early risk factors, prevention, and treatment for older adults and age-related disease, and how has COVID-19 reignited research on aging biology and immune health and pointed the way toward geroprotectors and vaccines to prevent impact of future viruses in older adults.

WHO: Honoring **Mikael Dolsten, MD, PhD (Chief Scientific Officer and President, Worldwide Research, Development, and Medical, Pfizer)**

Featuring guest speaker **Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD (Director, National Institutes of Health/NIH)**

Featuring panelists **Steven N. Austad, PhD** (AFAR Senior Scientific Director; Protective Life Endowed Chair in Healthy Aging Research, University of Alabama, Birmingham); **Nir Barzilai, MD** (AFAR Scientific Director and Grantee; Chair of Aging Research, Albert Einstein College of Medicine); **Ana Maria Cuervo, MD, PhD** (AFAR Board Member and Grantee; Co-Director of the Institute for Aging Studies, Albert Einstein College of Medicine); **Linda P. Fried, MD, MPH** (Dean, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University); **James L. Kirkland, MD, PhD** (AFAR President and Grantee; Director of the Robert and Arlene Kogod Center on Aging, Mayo Clinic); and **Pol Vandenbroucke, MD** (AFAR Board Member; Chief Medical Officer, Hospital Business Unit, Pfizer).

Featuring guest speaker **Stuart Firestein, PhD** (Author, *Failure: Why Science is So Successful*)

Presented by the **American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)**

WHEN: Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 3-5pm ET

WHY: In Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of AFAR and In Recognition of the Extraordinary Impact of Science in Response to COVID-19 and Older Adults' Health

WHERE: Zoom Webinar

HOW: Register at www.afar.org/events/40thanniversary or contact john@afar.org.

ABOUT AFAR

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 live healthier and longer. For four decades, AFAR has served as the field's talent incubator, providing more than \$189 million to nearly 4,300 investigators at premier research institutions nationwide. 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. Learn more at www.afar.org