

Actelion Awards Grants to 2010 ENTELLIGENCE™ Young Investigators for Research in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH)

New Orleans, Louisiana – May 2010: Actelion Pharmaceuticals US, Inc. and the ENTELLIGENCE Steering Committee recognized five young researchers and their mentors for their efforts in advancing research in PAH. Each researcher will receive a 12-month mentored grant, funded through the ENTELLIGENCE program supported by Actelion. The announcement was made at an awards luncheon, during which the recipients of the 2010 awards gave an overview of their proposed work.

“Today’s presentations by our awardees before an audience of world-renowned thought leaders in pulmonary hypertension were inspiring and energizing. The scope and breadth of these projects conceived by these young researchers is very extraordinary. The Steering Committee is extremely pleased that these projects will highlight the mission of the Entelligence program, to foster the development of careers in academic medicine focused on improving the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary hypertension. We are grateful to Actelion for creating and funding this program, which is now in its 5th year, and looking better than ever.” said Ronald J. Oudiz, MD, ENTELLIGENCE Steering Committee Chairman and Professor of Medicine and Director of the Pulmonary Hypertension Clinic at the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

The 2010 award winners, their mentors, and the supported projects are:

Eric Douglas Austin, MD, MSCI

Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, Tennessee
Mentor: James E. Loyd, MD

Project Title: *Sex Hormone Abnormalities in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension*

Angela V. Ghatnekar, PhD

Medical University of South Carolina
Charleston, South Carolina
Mentor: Richard M. Silver, MD

Project Title: *The Role of GATA-6 in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension*

Jason Gien, MD

University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
Aurora, Colorado
Mentor: Steven H. Abman, MD

Project Title: *ET-1-Rho-kinase Interactions in the Pathogenesis of Neonatal Pulmonary Hypertension*

Michael J. Passineau, PhD

Allegheny General Hospital
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Mentor: Raymond L. Benza, MD

Project Title: *Gene Therapy to Drive Endogenous Biosynthesis of Prostacyclin*

Michael York, MD

Boston University Medical Center
Boston, Massachusetts
Mentor: Harrison Farber, MD

Project Title: *dsRNA Stimulates Toll-like Receptor-3 and Increases Endothelin-1 Production by Pulmonary Artery Endothelial Cells*

We congratulate these individuals and look forward to presentations of their work.

About ENTELLIGENCE

The ENTELLIGENCE program was established by Actelion in 2005 to support basic science and clinical research related to PAH. The program, part of Actelion's on-going commitment to endothelin research, provides funding to an independent steering committee to advance the understanding of PAH and, ultimately, improve treatment of this progressive and fatal disease through research grants to young investigators.

The 2010 ENTELLIGENCE grant award will begin October 11, 2010. For more information regarding the ENTELLIGENCE Young Investigators Award Program, please refer to the Web site, www.ENTELLIGENCEMD.org.

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