

Actelion Awards Grants to 2014 ENTELLIGENCE™ Young Investigators for Research in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension (PAH), San Diego, CA – June 10, 2014:

Actelion Pharmaceuticals US, Inc. and the ENTELLIGENCE Steering Committee recognized four young researchers and their mentors this year for their efforts in advancing research in PAH. Each researcher will receive a 12-month mentored grant of up to \$100,000 in support, funded through the Actelion-supported ENTELLIGENCE program. The announcement was made at a recent awards luncheon held in San Diego during the time of the American Thoracic Society's annual meeting. All four recipients of the 2014 awards gave an overview of their proposed work during the awards luncheon.

"This is the 9th year of the Actelion ENTELLIGENCE Young Investigator Program. The quality of the submitted proposals continues to increase over the years, and the selection process is getting tougher, but it is a problem that we like to have. The rewards to the scientific community are outstanding," said Dr. Ronald J. Oudiz, ENTELLIGENCE Steering Committee Chairman and Director of the Liu Center for Pulmonary Hypertension at the LA Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. "For the past 9 award cycles, ENTELLIGENCE, with nearly \$3.9 million in funding, has supported innovative basic, translational, and clinical research that has fostered the development of 46 young investigators' careers in pulmonary vascular research. During this time, the awardees' research findings have been published in peer-reviewed journals, they have obtained external funding to continue their research, and we continue to see some of our awardees return to act as mentors for new young investigators. We are very proud of the ENTELLIGENCE program and the important milestones achieved thus far, and we and very much look forward to next year's program," Oudiz said.

Attendees of the Awards Reception included Bill Fairey, President, and Dr. Rajiv Patni, Senior Vice President, Medical, of Actelion Pharmaceuticals US, Inc., leaders and researchers in the field of PAH and ATS, as well as Rino Aldrighetti, President of the Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

The 2014 award winners, their mentors, and the supported projects are:**Evan Brittain, MD**

Instructor of Medicine
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Nashville, TN

Co-Investigator: Thomas J. Wang, MD

Mentor: Anna R. Hemnes, MD

Project title: *Dysregulation of Lipid Metabolism and Right Ventricular Function in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension*

Joshua M. Diamond, MD

Instructor of Medicine
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA

Co-Investigator: Harold I. Palevsky, MD

Mentor: Steven M. Kawut, MD, MS

Project title: *Clinical and Biomarker Risk Evaluation of Pulmonary Hypertension in Lung Transplantation*

R. Blair Dodson, PhD

Assistant Research Professor
University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Center
Aurora, CO

Mentor: Steven H. Abman, MD

Project title: *Intrauterine Hemodynamic Stress Mechanisms of Fetal Pulmonary Vascular Injury*

Clyde J. Wright, MD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics
University of Colorado School of Medicine
Aurora, CO

Mentor: Kurt R. Stenmark, MD

Project title: *Role of Macrophage ET1 Expression in the Pathogenesis of Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension of the Newborn (PPHN) Caused by Perinatal Inflammation*

About ENTELLIGENCE

The ENTELLIGENCE program was established by Actelion in 2005 to support basic science, translational, and clinical research in the field of cardiopulmonary medicine. The program is part of Actelion's ongoing commitment to advance quality medical care and to enhance patients' lives by supporting research that contributes to understanding and treating pulmonary vascular disease through research grants to young investigators. ENTELLIGENCE is led by a Steering Committee comprised of leaders in the field of pulmonary hypertension.

The next ENTELLIGENCE grant award cycle begins on September 18, 2014. For more information regarding the Young Investigator Program, please visit www.ENTELLIGENCEMD.org. For further information, please contact: Medtelligence, LLC (jfreeman@medtelligence.net).



2014 Award Winners. From left: Ronald Oudiz, MD [Program Chairman], Evan Brittain, MD, R. Blair Dodson, PhD, and Clyde Wright, MD. *Not shown:* Joshua Diamond, MD.



ENTELLIGENCE Steering Committee. From left: Harold Palevsky, MD, Adaani Frost, MD, Ronald Oudiz, MD, Mardi Gomberg-Maitland, MD, MSc, Jason Yuan, MD, PhD, and Harrison Farber, MD. *Not shown:* Maureen Mayes, MD, MPH, Evangelos Michelakis, MD, and Richard Silver, MD.