

The Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases Consortium Conference

The Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases Consortium Conference took place at the San Diego Convention Center, February 22, 2007, in San Diego, California in conjunction with the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) Annual Meeting. This was the third Consortium sponsored by the Clinical Immunology Society on Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases and was the largest turnout to date with a total 226 attendees which included 20 industry representatives. This meeting was sponsored by industry and the NIH.

The topic of this conference was Primary Immunodeficiency, and was geared towards fellows in training, junior faculty, as well as noted experts in the field. The primary goal is to continue to advance education on the diagnosis, molecular defects, complications, and treatment of these complex immune deficiency diseases. The secondary goals are to develop the careers of new scientists in this area of academic medicine; and to enhance awareness of Clinical Immunology and its importance in scientific discoveries and clinical applications. The third set of goals is to stimulate future collaborations between young investigators in different medical centers and countries, and between new investigators and experienced physician/scientists in the field.

Four faculty members were selected to review applications and attend the Consortium. The faculty consisted of the following members:

- Charlotte Cunningham-Rundles, MD PhD * Mount Sinai Medical Center * New York, NY
- Hans Ochs, MD * University of Washington School of Medicine * Seattle, WA
- Jordan Orange, MD PhD * Children's Hospital of Philadelphia * Philadelphia, PA
- Kathleen Sullivan, MD PhD * Children's Hospital of Philadelphia * Philadelphia, PA

Four participants were selected to present oral presentations and twenty others physician scientists to present poster presentations. Formal presentations were given by Nick Gascoigne, MD; Kim Nichols, MD; and Ramsay Fuleihan, MD. The keynote speaker this year was Bodo Grimbacher, MD. Poster presentations were viewed during the allocated time following the oral presentations. Countries represented by the presenters included: Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Italy, the United Kingdom, and the United States

A reception was held at the end of the day for attendees to facilitate networking. Travel grants were given to all oral and poster presenters and CME was offered

to eligible participants. No specific publications or additional conferences occurred due to this conference.