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#1. Please join us in honoring and celebrating Dr. Alaa El-Husseini's life

Wednesday Feb 27, 2008
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Detwiller Lecture Theatre

#2. Dream Healer Opera and Symposium - March 2-8, 2008

In keeping with the mandate of the UBC Institute of Mental Health to foster meaningful interdisciplinary collaborations both within UBC and the broader community, we are very pleased to provide the attached information concerning collaboration between the IMH, the Department of Psychiatry and UBC School of Music, Voice and Opera Division.

The world premier of the opera The Dream Healer, based on Timothy Findley's Pilgrim which focuses on Carl Jung's time at the Burghölzli Clinic, takes place March 2 to 8, 2008.

Our contribution to this exciting week-long event has been the organization of The Dream Healer public lecture series on issues relating to mental health.

These lectures are free and open to all. They will be held at the Chan Centre on the 'dark nights' of March 3, 5 and 7, 2008 between performances of the opera.

We encourage all of you to attend the lecture series and the opera. More information can be found at www.thedreamhealer.com and at <http://www.psychiatry.ubc.ca/Welcome.htm>

L. Trevor Young, MD, PhD
Professor and Head.

#3. Newsletter - Website posting (and amendments)

The Department Newsletter dated February 15, 2008 has been posted on the department website at <http://www.psychiatry.ubc.ca/about/newsletter.htm>

Please be advised that amendments to the printed version of the Departmental Newsletter (that has been distributed) will be made to the Department website posting and will include the following:

a) The following individuals were promoted to Clinical Associate Professors effective July 1, 2007, not Clinical Assistant Professors as stated in the printed copy of the newsletter:

Drance, Elisabeth J.
Srikameswaran, Suja
Zoffmann, Elisabeth

b) Mark Lau's appointment (pending UBC final approvals) is as an Associate Professor (not Assistant Professor as stated in the printed copy of the newsletter.

c) Jehannine Austin should be included under new Assistant Professor appointments (pending UBC final approvals)

We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

#4. Faculty of Medicine Food Drive - the competition, challenges and how you can participate - Donate by Feb. 29 -

The Department of Psychiatry has joined forces with other Departments/Centres/Programs in the Faculty of Medicine (including those in the distributed sites) in a Food Drive campaign to benefit the local food bank by providing assistance at a time when regular appeal campaigns in the community are not as frequent.

Donations can either be a non-perishable food item or financial donations.

The competition.....

Two Prizes will be awarded in the Department of Psychiatry
- one prize will be given to the unit/division or other group for donating the most food (by weight) - weigh-in at 2:00 p.m Feb 29 - Admin Office - Dettwiller

- one prize will be given to the unit/division or other group for donating the most money

The challenges....

Colleen Tinline, Mark Friesen and Vicky Yau in the Department Administration office challenge other staff groups in making a non-perishable food donation

Trevor Young challenges all faculty in making a financial donation

Collection Box

For those who would like to donate but are not interested in the competition, a food bank collection box is set up in the administration office. Remember...the end date for the food drive and competition is Feb. 29.

Please contact Colleen Tinline (ctinline@interchange.ubc.ca) for more information about this food drive, a collection box for your area or making a financial contribution.

Thank-you for your involvement in this project!

Colleen Tinline

#5. Update to March CIHR Operating Grant competition - UBC signatures & CIHR ResearchNet

In addition to Christy McTait's e-mail please note the following when printing your application from ResearchNet.

Please do a "selected print", as we do not require all attachments (i.e.: publications etc..)

Faculty of Medicine requires the following pages:

- Page 1 of the Application (Application Details page)
- 3 signature pages
- Research Proposal
- Budget Modules including budget justification
- Letters of Support, if any
- Faculty of Medicine Grant Cover Sheet

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#6. Invitation to Diabetes Forum - March 8, 2008

Dear all,

As part of Celebrate Research Week, the UBC Faculty of Medicine and the Irving K Barber Learning Centre, in partnership with the Canadian Diabetes Association, are hosting our annual Diabetes Research Forum on Saturday, March 8, 2008. The event will be held in the new Irving K Barber Learning Centre and will consist of both a morning session, open to the public, and an afternoon scientific session, open to researchers and students, which will include a keynote presentation by Dr Rob Sladek from McGill University.

Please see below for the details on the morning session, and attached poster for details on the afternoon session.

Please distribute widely and apologies for duplicate messages.

Kind regards,

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If you are unable to view HTML formatted e-mails, please see our website:
www.med.ubc.ca/diabetesforum.htm

The UBC Faculty of Medicine and The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre invite you to this free and interactive public forum and webcast.

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2008
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Victoria Learning Theatre (Room 182), The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre,
1961 East Mall, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC [map]

It is predicted that one in three children in North America will develop diabetes, and about 250 million people already suffer from this disease.

Join leading researchers and CBC News Science and Environment Reporter Eve Savory at a free and interactive public forum and live webcast to discuss the link between genetics and lifestyle risk factors in diabetes, and to explore prevention and management. Learn about the latest in diabetes research and have your questions answered by our experts.

To register, contact infobc@diabetes.ca or 604-732-1331 ext 229
For more information, visit www.med.ubc.ca/diabetesforum.htm
If you are not able to attend this event, please tune into the live webcast at:
www.ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca/webcasts/diabetes_forum_2008.html

Presented by the UBC Faculty of Medicine and The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, and supported by the Canadian Diabetes Association

#7. e-Learning Open House 2008 Call for Participation Closing

UBC's 5th annual e-Learning Open House -- hosted jointly by e-Strategy and the Office of Learning Technology -- will be held at Sage Bistro from 3:30 to 5:30 pm on Thursday, March 13th.

Each spring, Open House showcases the work of learning technology support units from across campus. It provides an opportunity for them to display their work, and for educators to explore the use of technology in UBC's online and campus classrooms. Faculty and staff from across UBC are welcome to demonstrate projects, share experiences, showcase research and discuss emerging tools and trends in e-Learning.

Submissions are often on a wide-range of themes. We are especially interested in proposals that demonstrate student involvement in projects or in generating online content. Participants from each unit will be provided with a booth (consisting of a 6' x 2' table and 4' x 8' poster board) to showcase their work.

The deadline for participation submissions is Friday, February 29th. To submit your proposal, please fill out the form below available at:

https://www.elearning.ubc.ca/home/index.cfm?menuClicked=9%2F1%2F&p=main/dsp_events_e/oh_call4proposal.cfm

Contact Dianne Mackay at 604.822.1573 or dianne.mackay@ubc.ca if you have any questions or require further information.

As the Call for Participation closes, general registration for Open House 2008 is also now open to faculty, staff, and students at:

http://tag.ubc.ca/programs/series-detail.php?series_id=276

We invite you to take this opportunity to get together with your colleagues and friends and join us on March 13th for music, wine and cheese- it's all free, and you could even win the door prize -- a Nintendo Wii game console!

The Open House '08 Planning Committee

#8. Travel at UBC's Second Annual Travel Trade Fair - Feb 28, 2008

Please post if you feel that this information would be of interest to others.

2nd Annual Travel Trade Fair

Travel at UBC will be hosting the second annual Travel Trade Fair on February 28.

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2008

Time: 1 p.m. – 3p.m.

Place: Social Lounge, St. John's College

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Mini Trade Show

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Presentation*

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Mini Trade Show

Who Should Attend:

This event is important for travellers, travel arrangers, meeting and conference coordinators, and those responsible for inbound guests of the university.

Why You Should Attend:

Find out what is new in the Travel Program – and there is lots!
Learn how UBC's Travel Management Program can save time and money for UBC travellers.
Wonderful opportunity to meet with UBC's Travel Suppliers – find out what they offer and how they can help you.
Your chance to get answers on all travel related questions
Great Door Prizes – for those attending the trade show and special prizes for attendance at the Presentation.

Travel Fair Exhibitors Include:

North South Travel and Tours
Air Canada
Helijet Airways
Park "N Fly
Fairmont Hotels
Sandman City Centre
Sheraton Wall Centre
Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites The Vision 2000 Travel Group
Westjet Airlines
Budget Rent a Car
American Express
Delta Hotels
Quality Inn Downtown
The Wedgewood

Join us on the Feb 28th for an informative – fun event!

Connie Fabro, Travel Manager

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Second Annual Mini Travel Trade Fair - Feb 28/08

For more information go to our website

www.travel.ubc.ca

#9. Announcements & Funding Opportunities: Canadian Liver Foundation Research Grant Program_NARSAD_Stem Cell Network_Secondary Stroke Prevention Health Services and Care Team Grants_CIHR-_NSERC Strategic Workshop -

See attachments

Please find for your information and forward as appropriate.

1. Public Information Session (see attached Agenda)

Please note that there is a Public Information Session taking place on Friday, February 29 at the Michael Smith Laboratory Lecture Theatre Room. Agenda topics are 1. Introduction 2. History of the evolution of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions 3. Update on recent discussions with

government 4. Establishing and operationalising PICS 5. Questions and answers: general discussion. No RSVP is required.

2. NARSAD Independent Investigator Award (see attached for further details)

The Independent Investigator Award is intended to facilitate innovative research opportunities for scientists at the academic level of associate professor or equivalent, who have won national competitive support as principal investigators. Researchers must be relevant to schizophrenia, mood disorders or other serious psychiatric. Deadline for applications is March 5, 2008.

3. Stem Cell Network open call for Core Research Proposals

The SCN is now conducting an open call for Core Research Proposals. The Network expects to fund 10-12 Core Projects from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2011 in a total amount of up to \$1 million per project. All projects currently supported by the Network are eligible to enter the competition to receive continued funding, but will compete on an equal basis with new proposals. In addition to biomedical applications, new proposals are also encouraged from investigators who wish to examine the ethical, legal, economic or social implications of stem cell research. Please note that there is no Letter of Intent process. Application deadline for Core Research Proposals is April 25, 2008. For further details please go to <http://stemcellnetwork.ca/site/pages/259/%22>

4. The Department of Defense Prostate Cancer Research Program (PCRP) has released the remaining six of eleven Program Announcements describing funding mechanisms. For further details please go to <http://cdmrp.army.mil/funding/pcrp.htm>

5. Pre-Announcement: Secondary Stroke Prevention Health Services and Care Team Grants – Requests for Applications: The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC), the Canadian Stroke Network (CSN) and the CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH) will be partnering to launch a Request for Applications (RFA) aimed at advancing knowledge related to stroke, in particular, how health services, systems of co-ordinated care, and processes of care related to secondary stroke prevention can be improved. The primary objective of this strategic initiative is to help advance the goals of the Canadian Stroke Strategy by supporting research that examines how to improve the timely delivery of secondary prevention services and care that will ensure optimal outcomes for stroke patients. The anticipated RFA launch date is March 2008. For more information please visit: <http://www.hsf.ca/research/en/general/home.html>

6. CIHR Training Grant including open competition and priority areas A training program supported by a Training Grant consists of a group of excellent mentors/educators, accomplished in health research, who work collaboratively to offer a research training program of defined format and content to a group of trainees, mainly at the level of graduate and postdoctoral studies, although other training components are possible. The training programs are intended to improve the mentoring and training environment for health researchers in Canada, foster collaborative, team research across disciplines and integrate training on the ethical conduct of research and related ethical issues, knowledge translation and professional skills such as communication, teamwork, project management and leadership. The training programs are anticipated to be an important source of Canada's next generation of health research leaders and creative agents for change. Grant funds are primarily targeted towards supporting research trainees through stipends. In addition, funds can be used for items such as developing the program and for travel between training sites.

NOTE: Potential trainees will apply directly to successful CIHR Training Grants for program admission and for stipend support. These competitive training opportunities will be advertised nationally and internationally. For further information please go to – <http://www.researchnet->

recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?prog=380&&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true

Canadian Liver Foundation Research Grant Program (see attached for further details)
The Canadian Liver Foundation would like to announce changes to the CLF research grants program for 2008. This year the CLF is offering research grants in two grant categories only; (i) operating grants, and (ii) summer studentships. Please note there will be no competition for graduate studentships no CLF/Roche Fellowships in Clinical Hepatology. The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2008 at 5:00pm EDT. Please see attached for further details.

NSERC Strategic Workshop

On Jan 22, 2008, NSERC announced that there would be changes made to the Strategic Project Grants (SPG) Program and to the target area descriptions for the 2008 competition. To learn more about the changes, gain strategies on how to submit a successful SPG application and gain knowledge of the review process, faculty are invited to attend a workshop hosted by HeRRO and NSERC. The workshop is scheduled for March 7th, 9 to Noon, followed by a networking luncheon. There will be a guest speaker from NSERC Ottawa and a NSERC SPG current or past committee member from UBC. To register for the workshop, faculty should apply online - <http://www.research.ubc.ca/EventView.aspx?eventID=191>.

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#10. T4 & T4A Available on Employee Self Service

The Finance Department is pleased to announce that all faculty, staff and employed students will be able to view their T4 and T4A statements of remuneration paid for the year 2007 via our online service. This form is identical to the printed form and is accepted by CRA when filing your tax return by paper.

HIGHLIGHTS

This new service allows employees to:

- calculate RRSP contribution room, and
- download PDF versions of their statement

To view your statement, log in at:

www.msp.ubc.ca

Paper copies of the T4 and T4A statements have been released on Monday, February 18, 2008.

All active staff members will receive a paper copy of their statement by campus mail. Former staff members whose positions have been terminated the past year will receive their statement through regular postal services.

#11. Bridging Animal Welfare and Science - Workshop for Animal Researchers

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Bridging Animal Welfare and Science – Workshop for Animal Researchers
March 17, 2008
12:30 to 5:30 pm (Lunch 12:30, Presentations begin 1:15)
Peter Wall Centre at University of British Columbia (6331 Crescent Road)

Genome BC and the UBC Animal Welfare Program invite researchers who use animals to participate in a workshop to discuss the role of animal welfare in laboratory science. This closed workshop is designed to provide researchers information on key issues in laboratory animal welfare, and provide a safe environment where working scientists can share their concerns and perspectives. Three internationally respected experts within the field of laboratory animal welfare are presenting: Judith MacArthur-Clark, DVMS (Chief Inspector at the Home Office Animals (Scientific Procedures) Inspectorate, UK), Dr. Andrew Rowan (Executive vice president for Operations and CEO of Humane Society International) and Dr. Hanno Würbel (Professor of Animal Welfare and Ethology at the Justus-Liebig-University, Switzerland). These presentations will be followed by a panel discussion led by prominent local researchers and individuals involved in research oversight. Panel members will include Dr. Cathy Rankin (Professor of Psychology, Brain Research Centre, UBC), Dr. Anthony Phillips (Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Medicine, UBC), Dr. Gilly Griffin (Guidelines Program Director, Canadian Council on Animal Care), Dr. Wilf Jeffries (Professor of Microbiology & Immunology; Medical Genetics, Biomedical Research Centre, UBC, Vancouver Hospital), Dr. William Milsom (Head of Zoology, Professor of Zoology and Chair of the UBC ACC) and a UBC veterinarian.

This is no registration fee, but seating is limited to researchers who use animals and pre-registration is required.

For more information and to register, call Joan Crichlow at 604-637-4384 or email jcrichlow@genomecanada.ca

Details:

The methods and applications of animal research change at a rapid rate and it is important to understand the implications of these changes for the welfare of animals involved. Similarly, our understanding of animal welfare, as well as societal concerns about animals, has also been changing. For example, there has been an increase in concern for the welfare of farm animals, as evidenced by the recent explosion of policies and programs - governmental, intergovernmental and corporate - pertaining to the humane rearing and handling of farm animals. For research animals, policies are increasingly emphasizing the importance of enhancing the quality of life of

experimental animals through environmental enrichment. Bringing together different stakeholders involved in animal research to develop a shared understanding of the implications of current and potential future practices and challenges in this area will enhance the ability of research to uphold high ethical and scientific standards.

The use of animals in research is controversial and has resulted in strong opposition by a portion of the public. For example, labs have been vandalized and researchers threatened by militant activists. This climate negatively influences the relationship between laboratory researchers and those working in animal welfare research. To improve this relationship, the workshop will provide a welcoming environment where scientists can share their own concerns and experiences. To this end, the workshop will be limited to 30-40 people within the animal research community. The format for the workshop will include presentations by three internationally respected experts within the field of laboratory animal welfare, followed by a panel discussion led by prominent local animal researchers. The workshop will begin with lunch (12:30 p.m.) and end at 5:30 p.m.

International Speakers

History and context of laboratory animal welfare and why we need to take animal welfare concerns seriously

Judith MacArthur-Clark - Chief Inspector at the Home Office Animals (Scientific Procedures) Inspectorate, UK

Distinguished veterinary surgeon whose past appointments include Chair of the Farm Animal Welfare Council and President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and is closely involved in international developments in the use animals in science.

Her presentation will provide historical context to current concerns about the welfare of animals used in research, and work through notable cases illustrating the risks that can arise when there is a perception that welfare concerns have not been addressed.

Building trust between animal researchers and the public

Dr. Andrew Rowan - Executive vice president for Operations and CEO of Humane Society International

http://www.hsus.org/about_us/board_and_staff/experts/experts/rowan.html

Dr. Rowan serves on the committees of several animal protection groups, including the World Society for the Protection of Animals, the advisory committee on animal testing for Royal Dutch Shell and the National Institutes of Health ad hoc advisory committee on chimpanzee sanctuaries. He has served in numerous other advisory and consultative roles, including as a member of the advisory committee on alternative methods in toxicology for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and of the National Research Council committee on the use of animals and alternatives in the generation of monoclonal antibodies.

Before joining The HSUS, Rowan was director of the Tufts University Center for Animals and Public Policy. He chaired the Department of Environmental Studies at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine. Rowan received the Henry Spira Award in 2002 from the Johns Hopkins Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing; the Doerenkamp/Zbinden Award for contributions on alternatives; the Russell and Burch Award in 1996 from The HSUS for contributions on Alternatives; and he is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

His presentation will address will address approaches that can improve the dialogue between scientists and those critical of using animals in science, reducing conflict and improving the acceptability of the use of animals in research.

Science of animal welfare: how improved animal care leads to better experimental results
Dr. Hanno Würbel - Professor of Animal Welfare and Ethology at the Justus-Liebig-University in
Giessen, Switzerland
<http://www.uni-giessen.de/~gi1547/>

Dr. Würbel's research addresses the effects of housing and care of research animals on the repeatability and validity of experimental results. In particular, he studies the impact on brain function and behaviour when the environment in which animals are reared does not meet the animal's requirements.

His presentation will provide an example of research on laboratory animal welfare, and show why these results should be of interest to all scientists working with animals.

Panel discussion: the animal researcher's perspective of animal welfare (fears, risks and experiences)
The panel brings together prominent researchers working with animals. Panel members will identify what they see as the key issues in laboratory animal welfare, what can be done to address these issues, and what concerns remain to be addressed.

Dr. Cathy Rankin - Professor of Psychology, Brain Research Centre, UBC
Dr. Anthony Phillips - Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Medicine, UBC
Dr. Gilly Griffin - Guidelines Program Director, Canadian Council on Animal Care
Dr. Wilf Jeffries – Professor of Microbiology & Immunology; Medical Genetics, Biomedical Research Centre, UBC, Vancouver Hospital

Dr. William Milsom – Head of Zoology, Professor of Zoology and Chair of the UBC ACC UBC Veterinarian

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Schedule:

Time & Activity

12:30 - 1:15 - Lunch
1:15 - 1:30 - Introductions
1:30 - 3:30 - International Presentations
3:30 - 4:00 - Coffee Break
4:00 - 4:35 - Panel Presentations
4:35 - 5:30 - Discussion



The UBC Faculty of Medicine and the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, with support by the Canadian Diabetes Association, present an afternoon for graduate students and researchers:

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Dr Rob Sladek

McGill University and Genome Quebec Innovation Centre

“Genome-wide association studies - a 21st century approach to diabetes”

**The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, 1961 East Mall
Victoria Lecture Theatre (Room 182) and Foyer**

12:00 – 1:30 pm

Scientific poster session

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Keynote presentation

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Student presentations

Seating is limited for the presentations (**1:30 – 3:30 pm**). To register, please contact Kristy Kerr at kristyk@medd.med.ubc.ca. For more information, please visit www.med.ubc.ca/research/events.



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CANADIAN LIVER FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

The Canadian Liver Foundation (CLF) would like to announce changes to the CLF research grants program for 2008.

This year, the Canadian Liver Foundation is offering research grants in **two** grant categories only: (i) operating grants, and (ii) summer studentships. Please note that there will be no competition for graduate studentships nor CLF/Roche Fellowships in Clinical Hepatology.

The operating grant competition is open to researchers across the country. However, the summer studentship competition has the following restrictions:

- i) One summer studentship may be awarded to a medical student enrolled at the University of Alberta, whose research project is in the area of radiology of liver disease.
- ii) Four summer studentships may be awarded to students whose research projects are conducted at universities in the province of Alberta.

For all details, please refer to the respective grant application guidelines which are available on our website. To apply, download the appropriate grant application form from our website at www.liver.ca. **The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.**



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to Mental Health Research*

January 14, 2008

Dear Researcher:

NARSAD is pleased to announce its annual *2008 Independent Investigator Award* program. The *Independent Investigator Award* is intended to facilitate innovative research opportunities for scientists at the academic level of associate professor or equivalent, who have won national competitive support as principal investigators (excepting those who have a currently active *NARSAD Young or Staglin Investigator Award*). Research must be relevant to schizophrenia, mood disorders or other serious psychiatric disorders.

Applications **should be submitted** electronically through the **NARSAD website** (<http://www.narsad.org/research/apply/>). Award specifications are also enclosed for reference.

Applications will be accepted through March 5, 2008. Please visit the NARSAD website for examples of previously funded research. We request your help in transmitting the *Independent Investigator Award* information to scientists who may wish to apply.

Sincerely,



Audra Moran
Director of Scientific Affairs and Research Grants

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Leading the Search for Cures

2008 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR AWARD GUIDELINES
NARSAD, The World's Leading Charity Dedicated to Mental Health Research

NARSAD is the largest non-government, donor-supported organization that distributes funds for brain disorder research. The *NARSAD Independent Investigator Award Program* offers up to \$50,000 a year for two (2) years and is intended for scientists at the associate professor level (or equivalent) with national competitive support as a principal investigator (P.I.)

The *NARSAD Independent Investigator Award* program stands between the *NARSAD Young Investigator Award* and the *NARSAD Distinguished Investigator Award* programs. The *Young Investigator Award* is intended to extend initial research training, or to support independent scientists at the assistant professor rank (or equivalent). The *Distinguished Investigator Award* supports senior investigators (full professor or equivalent) pursuing innovative and new directions in research. **Strict adherence to eligibility guidelines** for the *Independent Investigator Award* will apply to prevent overlap between the three NARSAD Programs, and to ensure that a reasonable proportion of applications judged to be excellent can be funded.

The *NARSAD Independent Investigator Award* program is intended to facilitate innovative research opportunities rather than supplement support for ongoing work and supports basic and/or clinical investigators. However, research must be relevant to schizophrenia, mood disorders or other serious mental illnesses including research with anxiety, bipolar disorders, personality disorders or child and adolescent psychiatric disorders.

NARSAD is committed to spending its entire income for direct support of research. Administrative cost of review is small—reviewers are members of the NARSAD Scientific Council, and volunteer their time to evaluate applications; therefore, **no feedback can be provided to applicants.**

AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Applicants must have a doctoral-level degree (M.D., Ph.D., etc.), be an associate professor (or equivalent), and have received, as P.I., competitive research support at a national level such as NIH, NSF, or foundation support;
- 2) Investigators that have been promoted to associate professor, but have currently active *NARSAD Young Investigator* awards, may not apply (NARSAD awards may not overlap in time—this does not include no-cost extensions);
- 3) Independent Investigators are eligible for a maximum of two NARSAD Independent Investigator Awards. Previous awardees at the associate professor level are encouraged to apply for a second award. However, awards cannot overlap in time, grant requirements from all previous awards (including Young Investigator Awards) must be met, and an applicant cannot submit more than one application per cycle;
- 4) Funding is for two years and is up to \$50,000 per year. Funding of institutional overhead at an 8% rate (excluding equipment) is allowed and overhead must be included within the total budget request which may not exceed \$100,000. Equipment, salary, and technical support are typical budget requests, but NARSAD wishes applicants to identify requirements specific to their research and setting;
- 5) A need for funding must be shown, and the applicant's institutional position must allow a minimum of 50% time for research. The applicant's institution must provide assurance that facilities and the investigator's time will be available to pursue the proposed work, if funded;
- 6) Applications must be **received by March 5, 2008;**
- 7) Notices of receipt will be sent via e-mail within 6 weeks of application receipt—it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact NARSAD if an e-mail notification is not received within this timeframe;
- 8) Notification of awards will be mailed in August, 2008. It is NARSAD's policy to provide no feedback on applications, other than funding notification. Earliest award start date is September 15, 2008.

The application should enable reviewers to determine eligibility; judge that independence and productivity are established; establish the relevance of the proposal to the NARSAD mission; and estimate the originality and scientific promise of the investigator.

****Notification of receipt of applications is sent approximately six (6) weeks after the application deadline; if you do not receive a confirmation, please contact the NARSAD Grants Office (516-829-5576).**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Applications must be submitted electronically via the NARSAD website as **one electronic document**, be brief, typed in a font size no smaller than 11 pt., and include in the following order (please label each section accordingly, and include applicant's name in the upper right corner, unless otherwise noted, and include a separate page for each):

- (a) **Institutional Assurance** - a statement providing institutional assurance regarding the applicant's time, availability of facilities, and future position if research is funded. This page must be signed by the applicant's departmental chair or equivalent and the applicant's institutional signatures (i.e., Grants & Contracts/Sponsored Research Office), thereby signifying the institution's acceptance of these terms. The page must also state that the applicant is an associate professor, or if not, specify how the current position is the associate professor equivalent in the host institution. This rank must be held at the time of the application. Promotion will not negate the award. A scanned document depicting a signature should be submitted electronically;
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AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. History of the evolution of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions
3. Update on recent discussions with government
4. Establishing and operationalising PICS
5. Questions and answers: general discussion