

The LAM Foundation 2010 Lymphangiomyomatosis International Research Conference



**Friday, April 9 – Sunday, April 11, 2010
The Westin, Downtown Cincinnati**

We hope you're making plans to join us for the 2010 LAM International Research Conference! This meeting will bring together researchers from diverse disciplines to discuss the pathophysiologic basis of lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM), a rare lung disease that affects young women. The conference will integrate the ideas of established LAM clinicians and investigators with other top scientists who have parallel interests in fields that are relevant to LAM, including molecular genetics, cellular signaling, pathology, smooth muscle biology, lung remodeling and cell biology. Our objectives are to identify the most critical new research directions, to discuss what is known, and to move the field forward.

Cosponsored by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) every year since 1998, the conference includes a basic/clinical science conference, a concurrent patient conference, and a *Breath of Hope Gala* that raises funds for LAM research. We are expecting approximately two hundred LAM patients and family members and over one hundred physicians and scientists. Scientific symposia will run from 7:30AM–5:00PM both Friday and Saturday, with a session on Sunday morning from 8:30AM–11:00AM to discuss future directions for LAM research.

Dr. Elizabeth Henske will chair the Basic Science Track and Dr. Lisa Young will chair the Clinical Science Track. The format for the scientific track of the upcoming 2010 conference will be similar to that of the 2009 conference, with an expanded focus on molecular imaging, role of estrogen action in LAM pathogenesis, biomarker development, mechanisms of lung destruction, and signaling pathways that are promising as therapeutic targets. Confirmed speakers to date include Drs. David Mankoff, Bruce Kristal, Michael Welsh, Kazunori Tobino, Geraldine Finlay, Eric White, Caroline Owen, Danielle Morse, Akiko Hata, Franco Bonetti, Brendan Manning, Channing Der, Arnold Kristof, Vera Krymskaya, David Kwiatkowski, Kun-Liang Guan, Carlyne Cool, Denise Adams, Joel Moss, Bruce Korf, and George Retsch-Bogart. This year, the LAM Research Conference will also be a forum to discuss progress on the "ATS Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of LAM" with both patients and clinicians.

The new format for last year's Poster Session was well-received. Attendees will once again enjoy wine and cheese during a lively poster discussion facilitated by Drs. Greg Downey and Kuniaki Seyama. Prizes will be awarded for the three posters judged to be the most exciting.

Registration fees for the LAM Conference will include all meals throughout the conference, including the Saturday night *Breath of Hope Gala*. A limited number of travel grants for postdoctoral trainees and junior faculty-level investigators who submit meritorious abstracts will be awarded, based on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Board. LAM Foundation grant recipients who attend the meeting as speakers, chairs or general attendees are asked to use travel monies already provided in their grants to cover registration, lodging and travel expenses, per the terms in their original grant agreements.

Please visit our website at www.thelamfoundation.org for registration fees, details regarding travel and poster prizes, and additional information on the meeting as it develops.

We are confident that this will be a most inspiring and productive LAM meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

Call for Abstracts

You are invited to submit an abstract for The LAM Foundation's 2010 Lymphangioliomyomatosis International Research Conference. Studies on the basic, clinical, and psychosocial aspects of tuberous sclerosis and lymphangioliomyomatosis are welcomed. If you are interested in submitting your work, please complete and return the attached Call for Abstracts form prior to the deadline on Monday, February 1, 2010. The application and instructions may also be completed electronically or downloaded from the Foundation website at www.thelamfoundation.org. All abstract submissions should be emailed to Paul Yoder at pyoder@thelamfoundation.org.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the conference organizers and members of the Scientific Advisory Board. Platform and poster presentations will be selected from submitted abstracts based on scientific merit and thematic considerations.

Notification of acceptance and selection for presentation in poster or platform format will be issued to the first author via email no later than Friday, February 26, 2010. This will provide time for presenters to register for the conference before the March 22nd deadline and allow travel awardees to make airline reservations 3 weeks in advance.

We look forward to receiving your abstract submission!

DEADLINES:

Abstract Submission

Monday, February 1, 2010

Notification of Acceptance

Friday, February 26, 2010

Conference Registration

Monday, March 22, 2010

EMAIL ABSTRACTS TO:

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2010 LAM RESEARCH CONFERENCE ABSTRACT FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

ABSTRACT FORM

The abstract form can be downloaded from our website (www.thelamfoundation.org) under the “Conferences” button.

ABSTRACT CONTENT

1. Your abstract must contain:
 - a.) a descriptive **title** and list of authors and institutions,
 - b.) an **introduction/rationale** for the study,
 - c.) the methods used, the results and conclusions of the study.
2. Case reports are acceptable.
3. Abstracts must be in English and must not exceed 400 words.
4. Special symbols, such as Greek letters, must be spelled out (e.g., TNF- alpha).
5. Please email abstracts to **Paul Yoder** at pyoder@thelamfoundation.org.

ABSTRACT REVIEW

1. Abstracts must meet acceptable scientific and ethical standards and be unpublished. Previously presented data will be considered.
2. The LAM Foundation Scientific Advisory Board reserves the right to accept/reject abstracts based on relative merit, thematic considerations and adherence to submission criteria.
3. All accepted abstracts will be reproduced, compiled and distributed to attendees.

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

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The format I prefer is: Platform presentation Poster Either
(Due to limited time, space, and thematic considerations, we cannot guarantee your preference.)

The category that best describes my abstract is: Clinical Research Basic Research

I am a postdoctoral trainee not currently funded by The LAM Foundation and would like to be considered for a travel award.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Institution: _____ Telephone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____