REQUEST FOR SUPPORT
Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the second edition of "RespiDART: Frontiers in Drug Development against Respiratory Viruses" will be held in Miami, Florida, USA.

Over the past several decades, the DART conferences have focused on the latest developments in antiviral therapy against viruses such as HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C. Just as viruses are ever evolving, the DART series strives to adapt itself to emerging challenges facing today’s global community. Respiratory viruses such as RSV and influenza virus have longed threatened human health, especially in vulnerable populations such as infants, the elderly, and the immune-compromised. Recent outbreaks of emerging threats such as MERS-CoV, parainfluenza virus and metapneumovirus have raised alarm across the globe.

By bringing together world leaders and key opinion holders, RespiDART will address the latest challenges in vaccine and drug development against respiratory viruses. Through mediating rigorous discussions, data sharing, and community building, this meeting aims to identify major clinical and scientific roadblocks, thus paving the way for game-changing scientific advancement.

RespiDART will focus on topics such as epidemiology and diagnosis, virus-host interactions and virus enzymology, vaccine and immunology, small molecule development, drug resistance and virus evolution. Emphasis will be placed on sharing the latest clinical data for several small molecules currently being tested in humans. Novel drug targets and mechanisms of action will also be heavily explored. Ultimately, RespiDART aims to bridge the gap between the latest scientific developments and real world clinical needs.

Medical progress against respiratory viruses has been advancing at an inspiring rate. We hope that RespiDART will play an important part in accelerating these developments and we sincerely look forward to your participation in November 2019.

The conference chairs,

Dr. Charles Boucher
Dr. Raymond F. Schinazi
MEETING DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND FORMAT
The meeting will consist of invited lectures, abstract-driven presentations, poster presentations, and round-table discussions. Biology, immunology and the development of therapeutics against various respiratory viruses will be discussed. By sharing knowledge, coordinating various activities, and working through the complex issues surrounding respiratory virus-related human disease, the workshop aims at advancing the field towards the development of novel and effective antiviral therapeutics.

MEETING OBJECTIVES
The objectives of this meeting are to:
• Gather cross-disciplinary professionals in an interactive workshop setting to present and discuss the latest developments in the field of respiratory virus therapeutics
• Facilitate a neutral exchange of scientific knowledge regarding anti-respiratory virus drug and vaccine development
• Review current state of knowledge with regard to limitations and barriers to, drug development, treatment and vaccination

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES
At the conclusion of this activity, delegates will gain:
• An in-depth understanding of the epidemiological impact of respiratory viruses on global human health with emphasis on barriers to treatment, limitations of current vaccination strategies, and special population considerations
• Knowledge of molecular mechanisms of replication and propagation for respiratory viruses such as RSV and influenza virus
• A better understanding of the current state of therapeutics for respiratory viruses, as well as unique molecular and pathophysiological barriers for drug development against respiratory viruses
• A thorough understanding of the current state of prophylactic and therapeutic vaccine development, as well as recent advances in the development of immuno-modulators

TARGET GROUP
Health care professionals, researchers, virologists, immunologists, and pharmacologists from clinical, academic and pharmaceutical settings involved in research on respiratory viruses. The expected number of delegates for this meeting is 100 to 150.
WORLD’S LEADING EXPERTS

RespiDART proudly collaborates with a large number of international (and local) experts in the field of Respiratory Viruses. By working together with our extensive global network of experts from various backgrounds in the field we can ensure to design and deliver the most relevant and state-of-the-art program.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The members of the Organizing Committee (OC) are carefully selected experts and inspirational leaders in their respective fields. They come together on a frequent basis to develop the scientific program tailored to the needs of Healthcare professionals in the field. Furthermore, they identify clinical cases and research projects within their organizations/ network and review and select abstracts. They actively participate as session chairs and join the Q&A sessions, discussions and debates during the meeting.

WORLD’S LEADING EXPERTS

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Scientific Committee

The members of the Scientific Committee (SC) are hand-picked by the OC and the conference secretariat based on their significant contributions and commitment to the field. They assist the OC by providing them with topic and speaker suggestions. In addition, members of the SC participate in reviewing submitted abstracts, and play an active role during the workshop.

• Ralph Baric, PhD - Gillings School of Global Public Health, Chapel Hill, USA
• Larry Blatt, PhD - Aligos Biopharma, San Francisco, CA, USA
• Christian Brechot, PhD, MD - Global virus network, Baltimore, MD, USA
• Matthias Gotte, PhD - University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada
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• Asuncion Mejias, PhD - The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, OH, USA
• Christos Petropoulos, PhD - LabCorp, San Francisco, USA
• Kenneth Powell, PhD - ReViral, Stevenage, UK
• Debbie van Riel, PhD - Erasmus Medical Center, The Netherlands
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The focus of RespiDART is to assemble clinicians, medical professionals, nurses, researchers and basic scientists together to advance our knowledge of the ongoing drug development processes in the treatment of Respiratory viruses.

PROPOSED TOPICS

The program for RespiDART is still being developed, but below are some of the topics that may be covered in this series:

**Global trends** and current challenges

**Emerging Viruses**

Antiviral **drug development**

**Special Populations**

**RSV** entry receptors and inhibition

Developing **RSV polymerase inhibitors**

**Vaccines**

Extra-respiratory complications and **risk groups**
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

VISIBILITY

Prominent placement of your logo on conference materials (online and offline)

Pre-event marketing and branding through:
• Banners posted on the homepage of the website.
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CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRAM

• A chance to organize satellite symposia
• Participate in discussions

COMMERCIAL BENEFITS

• Exhibition opportunities
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PRIVILEGES

Your contribution entitles you to the following privileges:
• Exhibition space
• Symposia inclusion
• Complimentary passes to the event to increase your networking opportunities
• Other benefits described under various sponsorship levels

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION GRANTS

The conference participation grants provide healthcare professionals with the opportunity to attend a conference they would otherwise be unable to attend due to financial restrictions. All applications include a CV, a motivation letter, and potentially an abstract (requirements vary depending on the workshop). These are submitted via an independent CPG portal and are evaluated against the assessment criteria using robust, impartial and independent peer review processes by the Grant Review Committee. This process will ensure that only the highest quality, most relevant and most competitive research is accepted.

The grants are supported by the financial contributions allocated by the sponsor, who, has no control, influence, or involvement in the selection process of the attendees whatsoever. Priority is given to applicants who have actively participated in original research or scientific work that is being presented at the meeting and/or those who will profit most from participating in order to improve their daily clinical management.

These grants help defray costs for registration, travel and accommodation for delegates and foster their ability to form valuable professional networks and develop vital collaborations. Conference participation grant applications will be solicited, selected and awarded by an expert Grant Review Committee.
ENDURING MATERIALS

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More than 50 programs are planned for 2018 in more than 30 different cities around the globe!

OUR IMPACT IN 2017

46 programs  |  4,187 participants  |  2,277 accepted abstracts  |  59% returning participants  |  28,000+ opt in subscribers