

# The Research ADVOCATE

MAY-JUNE 2009

20 YEARS OF ADVOCACY  
 FOR RESEARCH

*Bringing Research Closer to Home*

## Research!America and amfAR Host Capitol Hill Conference on HIV/AIDS Research

Research!America and amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, called for the development of a comprehensive National AIDS Strategy that includes increased research funding at the Capitol Hill conference "Future Directions in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS" on May 13.

Research!America and amfAR called on Congress to fund more than President Obama's budget proposes for research to ensure patients and their families receive the benefits of

research sooner rather than later.

Research!America President **Mary Woolley** said, "We cannot win the fight against HIV/AIDS without research."

Just before sitting down for a conversation with senior NPR news analyst **Ted Koppel**, former NBA great and HIV/AIDS advocate **Earvin "Magic" Johnson** gave the day's keynote.

"We have overseas right here in urban America," Johnson said. "We have a problem with African-Americans



Paul Morigi-WireImage

**Ted Koppel and Earvin "Magic" Johnson**

and [their participation in] clinical trials. We need more African-Americans to participate in clinical trials. Trust me,

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## Timely Advocacy on H1N1

Ambassadors in Research!America's Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research have been speaking out about the H1N1 virus, or swine flu.

"We need research that better understands how diseases can be transmitted from animals to humans" **Lee Reichman, MD, MPH**, New Jersey Medical School, wrote in the *Newark Star-Ledger*.

RAND's **Melinda Moore, MD, MPH**, wrote in *The Baltimore Sun*, "In the rush of constant news updates on swine flu, we

must recognize that controlling the spread of this disease is not simply a health concern but also one of national security. And in today's globalized world, the spread of swine flu has become not just a U.S. national security threat but



**Lee Reichman, MD, MPH**



**Melinda Moore, MD, MPH**

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## Your Congress—Your Health for 111th Congress

In the coming weeks, Research!America and our partners will launch *Your Congress—Your Health* for the 111th

Congress and invite all members of Congress to share where they stand on medical, health and scientific research and other health-related issues.

Once launched, you can find out where Representatives and Senators stand on these issues at [www.yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org).

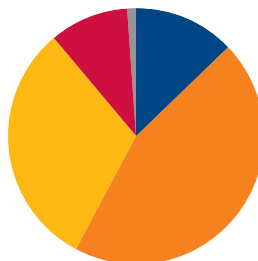


**Your Congress.  
 Your Health.**

## AMERICA Speaks

How well informed would you say you are about the positions of your Senators and Representative when it comes to their support of medical, health and scientific research?

Few Americans Very Well Informed About Positions on Research



Very well	13%
Somewhat well	45%
Somewhat poorly	31%
Very poorly	10%
Don't know	1%

# New ON THE Web

[www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org)

**Research!America** is on Twitter!  
Follow our updates at  
[www.twitter.com/ResearchAmerica](http://www.twitter.com/ResearchAmerica).

**Your Congress—Your Health** for the 111th Congress will soon launch at  
[www.yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org).

**Healthy You** is a free public health resource from the **American Public Health Association**, a Research!America member. [www.healthfactsheets.org](http://www.healthfactsheets.org).

The **National Science Foundation** introduced a daily multimedia science news service called **Science360**.  
<http://science360.gov>.

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### About Research!America

Research!America is the nation's largest 501(c)(3) public education and advocacy alliance working to make research to improve health a higher national priority. Founded in 1989, Research!America is supported by 500 member organizations that together represent the voices of more than 125 million Americans. Our public opinion polls, advocacy programs and publications reach the public and decision makers to help advance medical, health and scientific research.



# Members T A K E Action

## The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber



Josh O'Brien

*The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber is the voice of business and the visionary organization in Oklahoma City. Its goals are to create a business climate that attracts new businesses and enhances growth and expansion opportunities for existing businesses, create a community with an irresistible quality of life and create value-added membership opportunities and benefits.*

Local chambers of commerce are joining Research!America to contribute to the national dialogue about the need to increase our nation's investment in research. One such member is the **Greater Oklahoma City Chamber**.

"We are just now starting to tap into the resources that Research!America provides," said **Josh O'Brien**, senior business development manager for biosciences in the Chamber's economic development division. "Much of our research focus to date has been at the state level, but we are starting to work more with our federal delegation to increase support. We also work with our research partners to assist in targeted, individual efforts."

One of those efforts began about four years ago when the Chamber funded a regional strategic plan for bio-

sciences with **Battelle Technology Partnership Practice**. One of the biggest successes from this plan was the Economic Development Generating Excellence project, a state endowment for research and commercialization.

Another important research resource the Chamber supports is the **Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology**. This state agency awards grants for applied research, health research and plant science research, O'Brien said.

"Oklahoma has made a lot of progress in federal research program through the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)," O'Brien said. "We know we need more scientists and funding to achieve our goals and become a bigger player."

See [www.okcchamber.com](http://www.okcchamber.com) for more information.

## Mary Woolley Addresses Case Western, U.S. Chamber



Andrew Morrell Photography

Mary Woolley

**Case Western Reserve University's** Research ShowCASE demonstrated the value of university research to the region. Case Western is a Research!America member. Research!America President **Mary Woolley** delivered the event's keynote address. Research ShowCASE was featured in articles in *Crain's Cleveland Business* and Cleveland's *Sun Press*, and Woolley was interviewed on **The Sound of Ideas**, a program on a local NPR affiliate station.

Woolley also spoke at a **U.S. Chamber of Commerce** event, "Progressing Forward through Science: Facilitating Innovation for Greater Health," which focused on the importance of life sciences to the nation's economy.

Webcasts of both events are available. See [www.youtube.com/case](http://www.youtube.com/case) and [www.uschamber.com/webcasts](http://www.uschamber.com/webcasts).

### Research!America is Your Partner in Advocacy

Research!America adds value for our members in many ways, including having led the charge for research funding in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and keeping research top-of-mind for policy makers and others. See this month's insert for more.

## What Happens After the Stimulus?

Scientists and science advocates are starting to see the benefits of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Research!America President **Mary Woolley** told the *Triangle Business Journal* (Raleigh/Durham, NC) that funding for research included in ARRA would give a significant boost to North Carolina's economy because private industry spending tends to follow government research spending.

Looking ahead at the FY2010 budget and beyond, **Stacie Propst, PhD**, vice president of policy and outreach at Research!America, told *Nature Medicine* the stimulus bill may be a predictor of where we're headed. She told *Publico* newspaper (Madrid, Spain) the next battle will be to ensure the **National Institutes of Health** budget is increased by 10% in FY2010. Propst explained to *The Scientist* and *Science News* that consistent and growing investment in NIH is necessary. As Woolley told *Nature Medicine*, "Research!America is doing its best to make sure that we do not get back in the crisis mode."



Ralph J. Cicerone, PhD

## Science in the Public Agenda

**Ralph J. Cicerone, PhD**, president of the **National Academy of Sciences**, wrote an editorial in *Science* magazine in which he cited **The Hon. John Edward Porter**, chair, Research!America, on scientists' responsibility to put science into the public eye.

**House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's** (CA) and **Sen. Arlen Specter's** (PA) remarks from Research!America's annual Advocacy Awards dinner, on the importance of science to the nation, were featured in *Science* and the magazine's blog **ScienceInsider**.

Marine ecologist **Jane Lubchenco, PhD**, recently confirmed as the administrator of the **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**, was featured in *The New York Times*. Lubchenco urges scientists to spend more time engaging with the public and public officials about scientific and technical issues.

## Science Debate 2008: A Retrospective

**Shawn Lawrence Otto**, co-founder and CEO of Science Debate 2008, and **Sheril Kirshenbaum**, marine biologist at **Duke University**, science journalist and Science Debate 2008 co-founder, wrote an article in *Issues in Science & Technology*, published by the National Academy of Sciences. The article looks at the impact of Science Debate 2008 and recalls the public opinion poll fielded and released with Research!America.

## TB: Stopping a Killer

**Carole Mitnick, ScD**, assistant professor in global health and social medicine at **Harvard Medical School** and an Ambassador in Research!America's Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research, wrote an op-ed in *The Baltimore Sun* about the TB epidemic. She warns, "The silent spread of multidrug-resistant TB is a global health threat that is probably more disturbing than most assume."



Carole Mitnick, ScD

## The Animal Research Minute

The Animal Research Minute is a daily radio editorial by the **Foundation for Biomedical Research** broadcast to 3,500 stations. Visit [www.fbresearch.org](http://www.fbresearch.org) to listen and learn more. FBR is a Research!America member.



On his 98th day in office, President Obama delivered a compelling address to the National Academy of Sciences,

calling for commitment of at least a 3% share of GDP to research and development (that share is now 2.6%, a lesser percentage than that devoted by a number of other nations). The 3% goal was last articulated in 1993 by the Clinton-Gore Administration as it forecast increased global competitiveness by nations determined to emulate how the U.S. put science to work to stimulate economic growth for decades. But the 1993 call was ignored in the midst of economic booms driven by unsound fundamentals (think real estate, banking and finance bubbles). Today, however, with the competitiveness forecast a reality and the economy in dire straits, there is renewed determination to return science to its "rightful place" (the president's phrase in his Inaugural Address) as the time-tested foundation of a knowledge-based economy and the driver of policy-making to achieve health, education and energy goals.

For all these reasons it is critical that as Congress considers appropriations legislation and health reform, it prioritize and regularize support for research. To help our members make the case, Research!America will soon launch the newest version of *Your Congress—Your Health*, providing access to members of Congress' responses to timely questions about health and research for health. The 111th Congress version of this popular online educational tool has a number of new features, including where members' states stand in America's Health Rankings and easy ways to share members' responses on social networks.

Mary Woolley

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## Limited Increases for Research to Improve Health in President's Budget

Funding for research to improve health did not fare all that well in **President Obama's** FY2010 budget proposal, the details of which were released May 7. The recommended level for the **National Institutes of Health** is \$30.8 billion, a 1.5% increase over FY09. The increase for the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** is minimal at \$29 million, and the **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality** would be flat-funded at \$372 million. However, the budget for the **National Science Foundation** would grow by 8.5% to \$7.0 billion.

Research!America issued a statement expressing concern over the president's proposed funding levels for research.

In this transition year, Congress passed the Budget Resolution before the details of the president's budget were known. At the end of April, Congress agreed to \$1.086 trillion in new, non-defense discretionary spending in FY2010.

Congress will now begin the appropriations process to determine the funding levels for NIH, CDC, AHRQ and NSF. Congress has the authority to raise the funding levels. *Advocates must speak out for robust research funding during this process.*

Obama and the Senate also have been putting federal health leadership in place. On April 28, **Kathleen Sebelius** was confirmed by the Senate and sworn

in as the Secretary of Health and Human Services. As of press time, **Margaret Hamburg, MD**, had been approved by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions to be the next commissioner of the **Food and Drug Administration**. President Obama also had selected **Thomas Frieden, MD, MPH**, to be the next CDC director.

## CDC Advocacy Highlights

The **Campaign for Public Health** and its sister organization, **The CPH Foundation**, announce that **J. Brent Pawlecki, MD**, the corporate medical director of **Pitney Bowes**, recently joined the board of both groups. See [www.CPHFoundation.org](http://www.CPHFoundation.org).

CPH's four public health issue-specific ads continued to run in Washington's Metro trains in April and May. A related series of four fliers was developed in partnership with 23 organizations; 3,000 were delivered to House and Senate offices in May.

The CPH Foundation is working in partnership with CDC and Atlanta's **CDC Foundation** to plan a late summer tour for senior leaders of our nation's voluntary health organizations. Other tours for members of Congress and their staff are also being planned.

## AHRQ and Ad Council Encourage Questions

The **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**, in partnership with the **Ad Council**, is launching a new series of public service advertisements. The nationwide campaign encourages consumers to ask more questions of their doctor or other clinicians. See [www.ahrq.gov/questionsaretheanswer](http://www.ahrq.gov/questionsaretheanswer).

## 2010 FEDERAL RESEARCH BUDGET

Agency	President's Request	% Change from 2009*
National Institutes of Health	\$30.8 billion	+1.5%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**	\$6.6 billion	+0.4%
National Science Foundation	\$7.0 billion	+8.5%
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	\$372 million	No change

\* FY 2009 Appropriations only, does not include American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding.

\*\* Reflects the CDC core program budget. For more information on the CDC budget, please visit [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org).

## IOM Report: HIPAA Privacy Rule Needs Revisions

A report by the **Institute of Medicine (IOM)** concludes that the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule fails to adequately protect personal health information.

The report urges Congress to authorize an entirely new approach of protecting privacy in research while allowing timely exchange of information. The report recommends that the **Department of Health and Human Services** and other federal agencies oversee new approaches to the HIPAA Rule, focusing on best practices in privacy, security and transparency. Currently, the rule covers disclosures of personally identifiable health information permitted by health plans, health care providers and other covered entities.

The committee relied on review of published reports and testimony from patients, privacy advocates and the research community to reach its conclusions. Download the report from [www.iom.edu](http://www.iom.edu).

## Open Source Software for Health IT Released

Open source software that allows federal agencies to connect and share health information has been released by the **Department of Health and Human Services**.

More than 20 federal agencies have connected their health information technology systems to the **Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN)** using software called CONNECT. It implements the core services defined by the NHIN, including standards for security to protect health information. CONNECT was built with open source components and will be available to the entire health care industry to encourage NHIN adoption.

The **Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology** facilitated the development of NHIN, which aims to stitch together a “network of networks” for stakeholders to exchange and share health information.

Learn more at [www.connectopensource.org](http://www.connectopensource.org).

## Capitol Hill Conference on HIV/AIDS Research *Continued from page 1*

they want to participate.”

Others joined in the call.

“[Spending on] health is not a drain on economies but an investment in infrastructure, economic well-being and social justice,” said **Michel Kazatchkine, MD**, executive director, **The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**.

Designer **Kenneth Cole**, amfAR chairman, agreed, “If anyone is infected we are all affected.”

**Kevin Frost**, amfAR CEO, said, “We must increase funding for all medical research including HIV/AIDS funding.”

**Jeffrey Crowley, MPH**, director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy, said, “Obama’s priorities [for HIV/AIDS] are to reduce incidence, get people into care and

reduce health disparities.”

In addressing the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on African-Americans, Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research Ambassador **James E.K. Hildreth, PhD, MD**, said, “Empowering ... black communities to become messengers of science and prevention messages is very important.”

**House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA)**, who with Johnson and **Sen. Ted Kennedy (MA)** received amfAR’s Award of Courage, added, “We’ll have a healthier America if we make prevention a priority.”

Woolley summarized the day’s messages in four words: “Research works. Advocacy works.”

See [www.researchamerica.org/AIDSconf\\_09may13](http://www.researchamerica.org/AIDSconf_09may13) for more.

## CDC Coalition Calls for \$8.6 Billion

Research!America was one of 70 organizations that signed onto letters calling for \$8.6 billion for the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s** FY2010 core programs. The **CDC Coalition** sent the letters to the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies. See [www.cdccoalition.org](http://www.cdccoalition.org).

## NIH Committee Adds Three New Members

The Advisory Committee to the Director of the **National Institutes of Health** serves to advise the director on policy and planning issues important to the NIH mission. The three new members of the committee include **Maria C. Freire, PhD; Beatriz Luna, PhD; and James Thrall, MD**.

Freire is the president of **The Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation**. Luna is associate professor of psychiatry and psychology at the **University of Pittsburgh**. Thrall is a professor of radiology at **Harvard Medical School**. The new advisory committee members all serve at Research!America member organizations. Read more at <http://acd.od.nih.gov>.

## Principal Partner Thank You

*Research!America extends special thanks to our principal partners:*

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**Eugene Garfield Foundation**

**Genetic Alliance**

**University of Chicago Medical Center**

# Did YOU Know

Research!America Chair **The Honorable John Edward Porter** spoke at the **New York Academy of Sciences'** "The Two Cultures of the 21st Century" event. Read his remarks at [www.researchamerica.org/speeches](http://www.researchamerica.org/speeches).

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The **Maryland Science Center's** newest exhibit features stem cells and their potential in biomedical research. See [www.mdsci.org/exhibits/cells.html](http://www.mdsci.org/exhibits/cells.html).

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Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research Ambassador **William Holzemer, RN, PhD**, has been appointed dean of **Rutgers College of Nursing**.

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Research!America Emeritus Director **William D. Novelli**, CEO of **AARP**, will join **Georgetown University's** McDonough School of Business.

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**Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine** welcomed **Elias A. Zerhouni, MD**, as a senior adviser. Zerhouni is a former NIH director and a Research!America board member.

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The **American Association for the Advancement of Science** has launched a new journal, *Science Translational Medicine*. AAAS is a Research!America member.

## Workplace Wellness Bill Introduced

The **U.S. Workplace Alliance** recognized National Workplace Wellness Week with a Capitol Hill event, "Healthy Living for a Healthy Workforce" in April. The event marked the roll-out of the Alliance, which aims to improve the health status of the U.S. workforce, and the introduction of the Healthy Workforce Act by **Sens. Tom Harkin (IA)** and **John Cornyn (TX)** and **Reps. Earl Blumenauer (OR)** and **Mary Bono-Mack (CA)**. Video can be viewed at [www.prevent.org/content/view/248](http://www.prevent.org/content/view/248).

Research!America supports the bill, which will make it easier for Americans to apply prevention research to improve their health.

## Emeritus Directors Honored By Better Business Bureau

Two Research!America emeritus directors, **William D. Novelli** and **M. Cass Wheeler**, were honored by the **Better Business Bureau** at its annual International Torch Awards ceremony March 31 in Washington, DC.

Novelli, **AARP** CEO, received the BBB Torch Award for Consumer Leadership. BBB Council President and CEO **Steven J. Cole** presented the BBB President's Award to Wheeler, the recently retired CEO of the **American Heart Association**.



**William D. Novelli**



**M. Cass Wheeler**

Kaveh Sardari



**Mary Woolley**

## Friends of the National Library of Medicine Honor Woolley

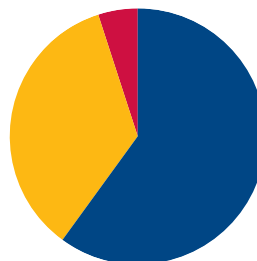
Research!America President **Mary Woolley** accepted the **Paul G. Rogers Public Service Award** from the **Friends of the National Library of Medicine** of the National Institutes of Health at a May 5 dinner. The dinner was dedicated to the memory of Friends' long-time chair and Research!America chair emeritus **The Hon. Paul G. Rogers**, one of America's greatest health advocates.

Woolley was honored for her many years of advocacy on behalf of health and medical research. In her acceptance remarks, she spoke of Rogers' legacy and the need for new voices for health and research in Congress. Read her remarks at [www.researchamerica.org/woolley\\_05may09](http://www.researchamerica.org/woolley_05may09).

## AMERICA Speaks

How important is it that our nation support research that focuses on how well the health care system is functioning?

### U.S. Should Support Research to Improve Health Care System



Very	<b>60%</b>
Somewhat	<b>35%</b>
Not	<b>5%</b>

SOURCE: NATIONAL POLL 2008  
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Rudy Tanzi, PhD; Aerosmith's Joe Perry; Francis S. Collins, MD, PhD

## Rock Stars of Science Campaign

Geoffrey Beene Gives Back and *GQ Magazine* are launching Rock Stars of Science, a public service campaign bringing rock stars together with some of the nation's leading medical researchers to advocate for greater research funding. A six-page sponsored photo spread appears in the magazine's June issue. Launching June 1, [www.rockstarsofscience.org](http://www.rockstarsofscience.org) will profile the rock star scientists and allow visitors to sign a declaration calling for more science research funding.

## Holt Addresses Hill Audience: 'Research is Critical'



Rep. Rush Holt (NJ)

"Carry this message back to your offices: investment in research is critical to **all** the work we do, not just in the purview of the science committee," Rep. Rush Holt (NJ), Congressional R&D Caucus chair, told Congressional staffers at the May 5 Research!America and PATH Capitol Hill briefing "Global Health IS America's Health: Why Global Health Research is Good for the U.S. Economy."

Illustrations of the direct and indirect economic impact to the U.S. were provided by two Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research Ambassadors, Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, of The New York

Academy of Medicine, and Richard Love, MD, of The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Michael Johnson, MD, of the Fogarty International Center at NIH, also spoke at the briefing.



Richard Love, MD; Karen A. Goralesski; Jo Ivey Boufford, MD; Rachel Wilson; Michael Johnson, MD

## Stamp Honoring Research Champion Now On Sale



The United States Postal Service has released a new stamp honoring Mary Woodard Lasker as part of its "Distinguished Americans" series. Lasker (1900-1994) was an ardent advocate of medical research and with her husband founded the **Albert & Mary Lasker Foundation**. She was a founding board member of Research!America. See [www.laskerfoundation.org](http://www.laskerfoundation.org).

## Rogers Society Ambassadors

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every country's national security threat." The editorial was reprinted on VeteransToday.com.

Yale's Michael Cappello, MD, was quoted in the *Connecticut Post*, "If there is a big picture lesson, it's that this is a great example of how ineffective national borders are at preventing the spread of disease. ... As long as I've been in infectious disease research, I've never met a parasite with an ideology."



Michael Cappello, MD



Barry Beaty, PhD

In addition to media outreach, Barry Beaty, PhD, of Colorado State University, met with Sen. Mark Udall's (CO) staff as media reports around H1N1 were breaking.

Beatty extended an invitation to Udall to visit his lab, which he did that weekend.

In *The Denver Post*, Udall said, "In the long run, Colorado, because of this leading position we have, will see additional jobs created. Although humans fight among themselves, ... it's still microbes that rule the world. A key part of our national security will be having a strong public health system."

For more information on Research!America's global health research advocacy efforts, visit [www.researchamerica.org/pgr\\_society](http://www.researchamerica.org/pgr_society).

# AMERICA Speaks

In general, to what extent do you think infectious and emerging diseases facing other countries (such as the flu, tuberculosis, and SARS) will pose a threat to the United States in the next few years?

SOURCE: NATIONAL GLOBAL HEALTH SURVEY  
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## Americans Say Emerging Diseases May Threaten the U.S.



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## ComingUp

May 29, 2009—Nominations are due for the **Research!America's 2009 Garfield Economic Impact Award and 2010 Advocacy Awards**. See [www.researchamerica.org/garfield\\_award](http://www.researchamerica.org/garfield_award) and [www.researchamerica.org/2010\\_nominations](http://www.researchamerica.org/2010_nominations).

June 15-17, 2009—The seventh annual **Biodefense Vaccines & Therapeutics** conference. Washington, DC. Research!America members, mention discount code 094181 when registering. [www.infocastinc.com/biodefense](http://www.infocastinc.com/biodefense).

July 29, 2009—Nominations deadline for **AcademyHealth's Health Services Research Impact Award**. [www.academyhealth.org/awards/hsrimpactnominations.htm](http://www.academyhealth.org/awards/hsrimpactnominations.htm).



## Advocacy & Action

### Speak Out for NIH — 10% in FY2010

Your voice will be critical in the months ahead as Congress considers funding for research to improve health. **Contact your representative and senators** in support of a 10% increase for NIH in FY2010. Let your congressional delegation know that robust funding is important now because:

- Research is critical to rebuilding our economy;
- NIH-funded research is leveraged in communities across the country by the private and public sectors creating jobs and intellectual capital;
- The knowledge generated by research is fundamental to transforming health care.

Visit [www.researchamerica.org/advocacy](http://www.researchamerica.org/advocacy) to take action.

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### Research!America Adds Value for Our Members

- We are **one of the strongest and most widely respected voices** for medical research advocacy in Washington and across the nation.
- Research!America's chair, board of directors, president and top staff engage in extensive outreach to policy makers and national scientific and medical research leaders.
- Research!America provides **unique, proven advocacy tools**, such as public opinion poll data and local, national and global economic investment reports, on a timely, updated basis.
- We are regularly sought out by key media and are the **"go-to" source for information on research advocacy and policy**.
- We are **pioneering outreach to the next generation** of medical and scientific leaders by offering training in and encouraging involvement in advocacy and public service.

### About Research, Advocacy and Research!America



Speaker Nancy  
Pelosi

"Doubling the NIH budget was not possible without **Research!America**. Our inside maneuvering relied on your outside mobilization." —Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA)

**Research!America** was named the "clearest voice clamoring for increased funding at government life science agencies" by *The Scientist*.

"There is no better investment than science research to conquer the maladies of the world. ... The potential for science research is absolutely limitless."  
—Sen. Arlen Specter (PA)

The Society for Neuroscience has called **Research!America** "the leading coalition aiming to make medical research a higher national priority."



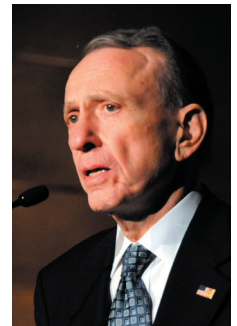
Rep. Rush Holt

"We still have a lot of work to do on the Hill to make sure research is not a side show or an afterthought. Global health research is central to all the work we deal with and is not just the purview of the science committee but should be just as important to foreign relations committees." —Rep. Rush Holt (NJ)

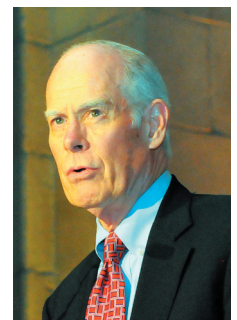
"Everybody in the science and technology community who cares about the future of the world should be tithing 10% of his or her time to interacting with the public in the policy process." —John Holdren, President Obama's science adviser

"There are four words that describe the domestic agenda in this country, and those words are science, science, science and science." —Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA)

"The stimulus package did great things for life and physical science research, but none of the stimulus money increases the agency base lines. My bottom line is don't let up! Let's all work together to make science and technology a high priority." —The Honorable John Edward Porter, **Research!America** chair



Sen. Arlen Specter



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Edward Porter

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