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Sam Donaldson

On March 21, veteran journalist and cancer research advocate **Sam Donaldson** will receive Research!America's prestigious Isadore Rosenfeld Award for Impact on Public Opinion. The award will be presented

at our 10th Annual Advocacy Awards dinner in Washington, DC.

Award benefactor **Isadore Rosenfeld, MD**, of Weill Cornell Medical Center, is health editor for *PARADE* magazine and a Research!America emeritus director. Previous Rosenfeld award recipients include **Michael J. Fox, Marlo Thomas, Scott Hamilton** and **Jerry Lewis**.

Donaldson was diagnosed with melanoma in 1995. As a cancer survivor,

he has become a prominent and determined advocate for cancer research. He has spoken at countless events and hosted numerous interviews espousing key messages on funding, access, prevention, treatment and cures.

Earlier in the day of the awards gala, **Ralph Cicerone, PhD**, president, National Academy of Sciences, will provide the keynote address for

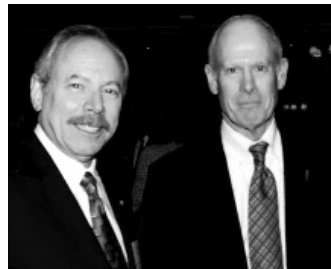
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NIH Stakeholders Convene Messages & Outreach Strategies for 2006

On February 7, Research!America and the **American Association for the Advancement of Science** hosted a meeting of Research!America members and other National Institutes of Health stakeholders to discuss advocacy messages and strategies, in light of the President's proposed flatlining of the NIH budget for FY 2007.

AAAS Chief Executive Officer **Alan I.**

Leshner, PhD, welcomed the nearly 200 in attendance and summarized the immediate challenge. "Our job is to try to reach some agreement on a message framework to advance the NIH budget, and overarching strategies to deliver those messages,"



Alan Leshner, PhD, and The Honorable John Edward Porter

he said. "How can we better position biomedical research, to show how important it is to innovation?"

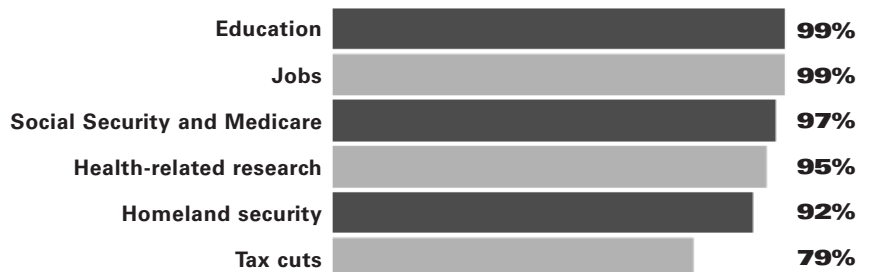
The Honorable John Edward Porter, former U.S. Congressman and current Research!America board chair, presented overarching principles he sees in the current climate for federal research funding. "We're losing the momentum of the

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AMERICA Speaks

In terms of national priorities, how important would you say each of the following is?

National Priorities



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Online Registration: Annual Meeting & National Forum

March 21 is Research!America's annual meeting of members and our National Forum, open to members, partners and friends. For details, visit <http://www.researchamerica.org/outreach/forum06.html>, and click on our new online registration form to RSVP.

Online Payment & RSVP: Research!America Advocacy Awards

The evening of March 21, we host our 10th annual Advocacy Awards gala. Find details and use our new online payment form for sponsorships, tables and individual tickets at <http://www.researchamerica.org/outreach/awards2006.html>.

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About Research!America

Research!America is a 501(c)(3), membership-supported, public education and advocacy alliance founded in 1989. Our 500 member institutions, organizations and businesses represent the voices of more than 125 million Americans who want medical and health research—including research to prevent disease, disability and injury and to promote health—to be a much higher national priority. Research!America's public opinion surveys and advocacy programs and publications are designed to reach the public and decision makers with messages that support a strong and vibrant research enterprise.

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Members TAKE Action



John R. Seffrin, PhD

American Cancer Society

One of the world's largest voluntary health agencies, the American Cancer Society is "dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service." The Society's National CEO, **John R. Seffrin, PhD**, expands on this mission.

Last month, a new milestone reached the front pages. American Cancer Society epidemiologists noticed the number of cancer deaths predicted for 2006 was lower than for 2005 and that the number of Americans who died of cancer in 2003, the most recent year for which data is available, had dropped below the count for the previous year.

Asked about the role that research played, Seffrin, a former academic and a current Research!America board member, noted certain trends, including 10 successive years of declines in age-adjusted mortality for all cancers combined.

"It is proven that without research, the prevention and improved therapies leading to decreased mortality could not occur," he said. "Not only are lives saved, but the aggregate of research outcomes—evidence, experiences, knowledge—now tells us what to do. We've taken research from a good bet to a sure bet. It has broken up the black-box mystery of cancer."

Yet cautionary notes still sound. Cancer is the leading cause of death for many demographic groups, and increased survivorship means increasing needs. In response, the American Cancer Society is redoubling its commitment to research by continuing its long history of large-scale cohort studies. The Society's third Cancer Prevention Study (CPS-3) will follow roughly a half-million cancer-free Americans to better understand

lifestyle, behavioral, environmental and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer. The study seeks to better understand how to prevent cancer across all U.S. populations. Another study designed to determine the unmet psychosocial needs of cancer survivors and their significant others is in place.

"Research will always be among the top three advocacy messages for the Society because funding research is imperative for better cures and prevention methods," Seffrin said.

"Decreased federal funding creates young investigator voids," he added. "The Society is committed to filling those voids and to balancing our portfolio with peer-reviewed, targeted research for beginning investigators."

In evidence of that commitment, the Society stands as the top nonprofit in the country funding other nonprofits.

The Society's initiatives stand by the value of research and advocacy. Seffrin noted Research!America's influence in such efforts. "The alliance singularly does a great job of putting research into terms of what it has done. In fact, Research!America is one of a few nonprofits nationwide with such impact."

Polls by Research!America and others show cancer as the disease people most want to overcome. "Translational, prevention and policy research will play a key role in achieving that goal," Seffrin concluded. For more information, visit www.cancer.org.

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PARADE Features Prevention PSAs

Research!America's work with *PARADE* magazine to position health and prevention more prominently in the nation's conversation achieved an exciting milestone. *PARADE* has featured our public service ads on prevention in two recent issues, in selected markets around the country.

STUDIES SHOW
THE EASIEST WAY TO
SURVIVE CAR
CRASHES
IS BY NOT CRASHING.

Prevention is sometimes so obvious, we take it for granted. But it's prevention and public health research that have helped improve motor vehicle safety and saved millions of Americans from injury. By giving people the information they need to live healthier lives, prevention also helps us avoid the expense of disease and illness. And who knows how much more could be done if prevention and public health research received more than one cent of every health dollar? Even so, agencies like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which are leading the prevention effort, continue to protect the health of our nation. For more information, visit researchamerica.org.

PREVENTION
Protecting what's important to you.

Research!America

APHA American Public Health Association
ASPH AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ASTHO ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH OFFICIALS
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS

Our chronic disease prevention ad ran in *PARADE*'s March 5 issue in 125 newspapers, reaching nearly two million Americans in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin. The ad led with the message, "Experts agree the best way to overcome a heart attack is by not having one."

Our injury prevention ad appeared in the February 26 issue in 21 newspapers in Florida, Georgia, Ohio and Rhode Island, reaching more than 525,000 Americans. The ad's headline read, "Studies show the easiest way to survive car crashes is by not crashing."

The ads featured the logos of Research!America and our public health advocacy partners the **American Public Health Association, Association of Schools of Public Health, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and National Association of County and City Health Officials**. For more information or to download the ads, visit <http://www.researchamerica.org/outreach/> and click on Public Health Advocacy.

Research!America's Board Chair in the News

The Honorable John Edward Porter, chair of Research!America's board, was cited recently in two publications targeting the research and science policy communities. In *Science & Government Report*, a representative of the **Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology**—a Research!America member—called for "new champions in Congress to replace those, such as Rep. John Porter and Sen. Connie Mack, who have retired in recent years. Porter is particularly missed ..."

In *Research Policy Alert*, Porter is quoted in an article outlining advocates' reactions to the President's FY 2007 budget. Porter cites Research!America poll findings indicating the high value Americans place on medical research, with 58% agreeing that greater funding for medical research is essential for the country's vitality, and 78% saying it is important that the U.S. be a global leader in medical research.



How do we make medical and health research—too often taken for granted by the public and policy makers—a higher national priority in times like these?

A large group of stakeholders joined Research!America and the AAAS on February 7 to discuss messages, strategies and the need for a concerted campaign, enlisting thousands of advocates nationwide to convey the urgency of investing more in "medical and health research. Together, we must make it impossible to ignore the risks to our nation's health and prosperity if policy makers fail to act NOW to reverse the President's proposed 2007 flat-lining of the NIH budget.

Flat-lining medical research is a prescription for flat-lining our individual and societal health.

Americans understand this. As our new poll data shows, even in context of other national needs, 58% of Americans say it is important to invest more, now, in medical and health research.

Americans also understand that *preventing* disease or disability is better (and less costly) than treating it. Only research can tell us which preventions work and how best to put them in place. It is thus unconscionable that the President's 2007 budget flat-lines AHRQ and deals CDC a 4.5% cut.

The public and policy makers alike respond to messages that tap into aspirations for our families and our nation. "Then ... Now ... Imagine" is a message concept that can convey the ways research has improved quality of life for us all. Please add your voice to help deliver it. The need is urgent.

Maury Wolley

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NIH budget doubling,” he said. “There’s a misconception we must correct, that money invested in Year One produces cures by Year Three.”

Porter outlined a potential message platform for the current budget realities.

Research!America’s President **Mary Woolley** noted, “One message the public is not happy to hear is that, for the first time in 30 years, federal funding has been cut for medical research. In a recent Research!America poll, 58% of Americans said it is time to increase funding now. Is anyone listening?”

Woolley discussed target audiences, outreach strategies, communications tools and messengers. As a model for putting these elements into practice, she cited Research!America’s 435 Project[®], which has sought to build advocates in all 435 congressional districts. She emphasized the need for collaboration among stakeholders to make the goal of a national network of engaged advocates a reality.

Porter moderated an in-depth discussion among those present. In closing, he said, “We need to overwhelm all sectors of the decision-making process with effective messages as to the importance, promise and priority of biomedical research to our country—and to do it with force and passion.”

To download the presentations, visit www.researchamerica.org.

CDC Faces More Cuts

Last year, Congress cut the discretionary budget of the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** for the first time in a quarter-century. In February, the President sent Congress a budget request for FY 2007 that proposes major cuts to the agency for the second year in a row.

The **Campaign for Public Health** (CPH), which Research!America was instrumental in founding, carefully analyzed the President’s request and identified several one-time or “emergency” spending items inappropriately tucked into CDC program budgets. Excluding these items, it is clear the Administration’s proposal drastically cuts the CDC, funding its core programs at \$279 million *below* FY 2006 levels—more than 4.5% below last year’s level. ***If Congress enacts the President’s FY 2007 proposal, CDC’s core programs will be cut by more than 8% in just two years.***

CPH Chairman Evan Jones, CPH senior advisers and partners are working to educate members of Congress that cutting the CDC is short-sighted and impedes efforts to avert the health crisis facing our nation as the Baby Boomers near retirement age. For updates, visit www.fundcdc.org.

2007 FEDERAL BUDGET

Agency	President’s Request	% Change over 2006
National Institutes of Health	\$28.6 billion	No change
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	\$5.8 billion*	-4.6%
National Science Foundation	\$6 billion	+7.9%
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	\$319 million	No change

* Reflects the CDC core program budget. The total CDC budget proposed for FY 2007 is \$8 billion, including the non-discretionary Vaccines for Children program. For more information on the CDC budget, please visit www.FundCDC.org.

Envisioning the Future of Medical Imaging



L-R: James H. Thrall, MD, Sanford M. Simon, PhD, and Mary Woolley

The *New England Journal of Medicine* has called medical imaging one of the 11 most important innovations of the past 1,000 years. To discuss the future of medical imaging, the **National Electrical Manufacturers Association** (NEMA), a Research!America member, gathered a panel of government, industry and advocacy leaders recently at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

National Institutes of Health Director **Elias A. Zerhouni, MD**, highlighted research trends in imaging, including detection of sub-clinical disease and image-guided interventions. He cited imaging's role in transforming medicine in the 21st century from a curative to a pre-emptive, preventive and personalized model. Zerhouni formerly chaired the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine radiology department.

Roderic I. Pettigrew, PhD, MD,

director of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, described a number of medical imaging advances and NIBIB initiatives such as its Quantum Project

to fund research that could result in quantum improvements in treatment or quality of life.

James E. Davis of GE Healthcare, chair of NEMA's Diagnostic Imaging and Therapy Systems division, noted that medical imaging is allowing doctors to see rather than infer, enabling less-invasive procedures, and fostering early detection. **James H. Thrall, MD**, Massachusetts General Hospital, and **Sanford M. Simon, PhD**, Rockefeller University, presented an overview of the Blueprint for Imaging in Biomedical Research.

Research!America President **Mary Woolley** discussed the importance of public opinion in ensuring adoption of new medical technologies and compliance with physician recommendations. She unveiled new Research!America poll findings showing strong support for sustained investment in research.



Elias A. Zerhouni, MD

The panel was moderated by **John Iglehart**, founding editor of *Health Affairs*. To download all the presentations, visit www.medicalimaging.org.

Major Donor Thank You

The Research!America Board of Directors and staff extend special thanks to our members and partners who provided support for our new PARADE/Research!America Health Poll that explores attitudes toward prevention of disease, disability and injury relative to aging and longevity:

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Select findings will be featured in the March 19 "Live Longer, Better, Wiser" annual issue of *PARADE*.

More results will be available at www.researchamerica.org at that time. For more information, contact Stacie Propst, PhD, at 703-739-2577, ext. 43.

Café Scientifique: A Toast to Accessible Science

Café Scientifique gatherings are catching on as a way to bring science to the public in informal, interactive, free settings ranging from campuses to coffee shops, brew pubs to bookstores. Scientists keynote the gatherings, and participants ask questions and debate the issues in a café atmosphere.

John Cohen, MD, PhD, professor of immunology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center—a Research!America member—is the founder of the Denver Café Scientifique (www.cafescolorado.org). Established in 2003, Denver's is the nation's largest, drawing about 150 people of all ages and occupations.

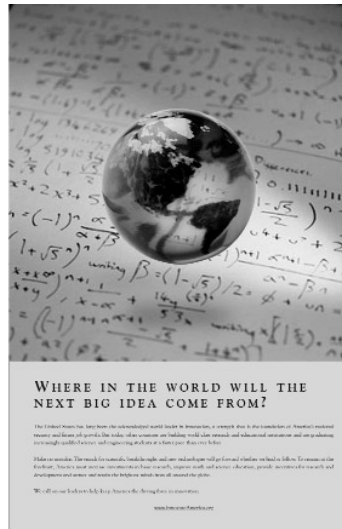
Café Scientifiques began in 1998 in Britain (www.cafescientifique.org), where the movement received public financing to get started. In the United States, some cafés have no budgets while others receive help from academic or corporate entities. Scientific research society **Sigma Xi** was host to the first U.S. national gathering of Café Scientifique leaders last month, to network and further organize the movement.

Did YOU Know

Nobel Laureate **David Baltimore, PhD**, a Research!America Scientific Advisory Committee member, has been chosen president-elect of the **American Association of the Advancement of Science**. **John Holdren, PhD**, of Harvard University, is AAAS' new president. AAAS, a Research!America member, serves some 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals. Dr. Baltimore steps down as president of the California Institute of Technology in June.

Research!America President **Mary Woolley** received the 2006 Honorary Membership from the **American Association for Dental Research**, presented at AADR's annual meeting. Past presidents of AADR recommend Honorary Members based on significant contributions to dental research. AADR is a Research!America member.

The **Society for Neuroscience**, a Research!America member, has introduced its newest series of "Brain Research Success Stories." The newsletters inform policymakers and the public about neurological and mental disorders. Each summarizes clinical advances and research opportunities tied to adequate federal support. Visit "Brain Briefings" under Publications at www.sfn.org.



WHERE IN THE WORLD WILL THE NEXT BIG IDEA COME FROM?

The United States has long been the undisputed world leader in innovation, a strength that is the foundation of America's economic power and source of pride. But today, other countries are making rapid gains in science and technological innovation and are showing increasing capabilities in engineering, medicine, and other key areas.

It takes no wonder. The world's economic, scientific, and other advances will go forward at a rapid pace. In order to remain a global leader, the United States must continue to invest in research and development, and ensure that our education system and workforce are prepared to meet the challenges of the future.

We will continue to work hard to ensure the strength of our innovation.

National Innovation Initiative Launches Campaign

In response to numerous reports and studies that suggest U.S. competitiveness is increasingly at risk, Research!America recently signed on to an advocacy initiative calling on our nation's leaders to help keep America the driving force in innovation. The **National Innovation Initiative** launched the campaign with a full-page newspaper ad, headlined "Where in the World Will the Next Big Idea Come From?" It ran in early February in key publications including *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*. More than 140 leaders from academia, business and public service signed the ad.

Among the campaign's goals are greater investment in research, public awareness about the value

of American innovation, and policies that support competitiveness.

Research!America is very strongly committed to supporting this initiative and has made this a priority in our current year's strategic plan.

For more information, visit www.InnovateAmerica.org.

Strengthening Advocacy Skills of Public Health Leaders

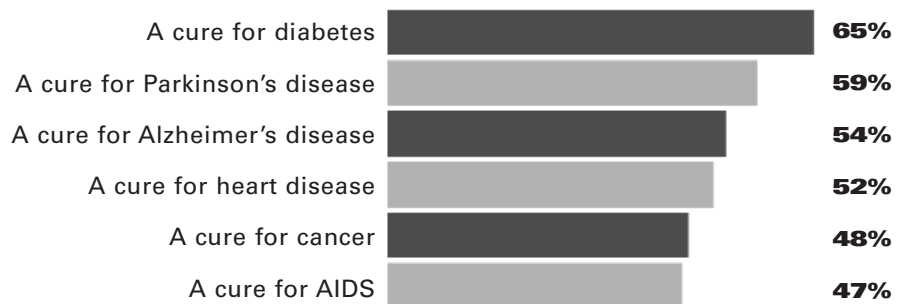
Research!America has received a \$500,000 grant from the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** to strengthen the strategic communications and advocacy skills of state and local public health leaders. Although Americans today enjoy better health than previous generations, many, including policymakers, remain unaware of the enormous potential for further benefits that public health can help realize. This grant will help advance both Research!America and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's mutual goals of strengthening the public health system.

Through a previous RWJF grant, Research!America developed and conducted 88 prevention and public health advocacy training programs around the country in collaboration with national and local stakeholders. In 2006, Research!America will work with state and local public health leaders to schedule interactive workshops to build specific communications and advocacy skills. For more information, contact Karen Goraleski, director, public health advocacy at kgoraleski@researchamerica.org.

AMERICA Speaks

Please tell me whether you think the following medical breakthroughs will occur within the next 20 years.

Great Expectations for Medical Breakthroughs



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Paul Rogers Recognized by Florida Supreme Court Historical Society

Research!America's chair emeritus, **The Honorable Paul G. Rogers**, received recognition for his lifetime of public service at the February 16 annual dinner of the **Florida Supreme Court Historical Society**. The honor acknowledged Rogers' 24 years in Congress and distinguished legal career. The Society noted his contributions to Florida and the nation as a champion for health care and the environment, as well as his advocacy for balance of power among the three branches of government.

In accepting the honor, Rogers addressed members of the Society, the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar and other distinguished guests. Echoing his oft-quoted observation that "without research, there is no hope," Rogers noted, "We must not let the hope of Americans tarnish. Hope shines eternal in America. Our government can enhance hope's luster." This past year marks the 50th anniversary of Rogers' swearing-in as a United States Congressman. He is currently a partner at the law firm Hogan & Hartson LLP in Washington, DC.

Sam Donaldson, Ralph Cicerone, to Headline Events

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Research!America's 2006 National Forum "Science and Health in the 21st Century—Leadership Requirements and Public Expectations" at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

Cicerone's research in atmospheric chemistry and climate change, and its impact on human health, has helped shape science policy at the highest levels. Prior to his 2005 election as Academy president, he was chancellor of the University of California, Irvine.

David Gergen, commentator, editor and advisor to presidents for 20 years, will moderate the Forum's distinguished panel of leaders from the public and private sectors: **Arden Bement, Jr., PhD**, director, National Science Foundation; **Carolyn Clancy, MD**,

director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; **Helen Darling**, president, National Business Group on Health; **Declan Doogan, MD**, senior vice president, Pfizer Global Research and Development; **Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH**, director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; **John M. Leonard, MD**, vice president, Global Pharmaceutical Development, Abbott; **Myrl Weinberg, CAE**, president, National Health Council; and **Elias Zerhouni, MD**, director, National Institutes of Health. Cicerone will also serve as a panelist.



Ralph Cicerone, PhD

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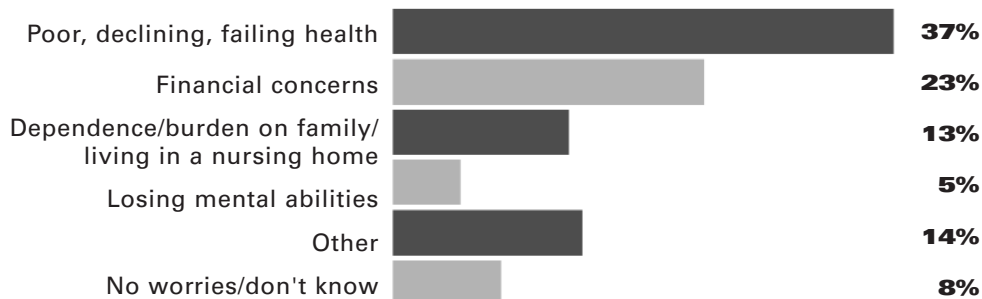
Tadataka Yamada, MD, will retire as chairman of Research and Development at GlaxoSmithKline, effective June 1, to lead The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Health Program. The Program develops and delivers drugs, vaccines and other tools to fight developing-world diseases. Yamada is a Research!America board member. He was also recently named to the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director.

Nobel Laureate and member of Research!America's Scientific Advisory Committee **Phillip A. Sharp, PhD**, received a National Medal of Science for his genetic research. The medals, the nation's highest honor for science, were presented by President Bush in a ceremony at the White House. Sharp is director of the McGovern Institute for Brain Research at MIT.

Janet M. Corrigan, PhD, MBA, will lead the newly reconstituted National Quality Forum. Created by the union of NQF and the National Committee for Quality Health Care, the combined organization will integrate diverse efforts to enhance the performance of our nation's health care. Corrigan had been president and CEO of NCQHC, a Research!America member. Visit www.qualityforum.org.

Health is #1 Concern

Thinking about the prospect of living to a very old age, what one thing would you worry about most?



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ComingUp

March 21: Washington, DC—Register now for **Research!America's Annual Meeting, National Forum and 10th Annual Advocacy Awards gala**. Our 2006 Forum keynote is **Ralph Cicerone, PhD**, National Academy of Sciences. Former White House advisor **David Gergen** will moderate the Forum. CNN's **Judy Woodruff** will emcee our awards gala. Contact Cindy McConnell at 703-739-2577, ext. 35, or visit www.researchamerica.org.

April 3-9—National Public Health Week 2006, coordinated by the **American Public Health Association**, a Research!America member, will focus on community design and child health and safety.

April 24-26: Washington, DC—Research!America member Infocast will host its **4th Biodefense & Pandemic Vaccine and Therapeutics Conference**, highlighting roles for academia and industry in building a viable biodefense sector. Research!America members receive discounted tuition. To register, call 818-888-4444 or visit www.infocastinc.com/biovac06.html.

Advocacy & Action

Turn the CDC Budget Cuts Around!

Last year, Congress cut the discretionary budget of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the first time in a quarter-century. Last month, President Bush sent Congress a 2007 budget request that proposes major cuts to CDC for the second year in a row. ***If Congress enacts the President's FY 2007 proposal, core programs at the CDC will be cut by more than 8% in just two years.*** Please urge your elected officials to support strong funding for the CDC!

Senate Vote Needed Now on the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (H.R. 810/S. 471)

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist has not yet brought The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act to a vote, despite his commitment to do so. It is crucial for the Senate to vote soon since other priorities will begin to take precedence as 2006 elections near. By delaying the vote, Senate leaders are impeding progress in stem cell research. Urge your Senators to press Senator Frist for a vote now!

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