

# The Research

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Bringing Research Closer to Home

## Your Congress—Your Health Launched in PARADE Magazine

Research!America and the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation have launched *Your Congress—Your Health*, a new initiative to start an ongoing dialogue on health and research between Congress and the public.

Because Congress can influence so many aspects of health, including ways



that may not be apparent, it's important that all Americans know where their representatives and senators stand on medical research and other health-related issues.

*PARADE* magazine introduced the initiative to the public in its March 11 issue, asking readers what health issues matter most to them. The story, by Lyric Wallwork Winik, received the highest number of online comments of any *PARADE* article to date.

This feedback will shape a questionnaire sent to members of Congress in

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## Research!America Welcomes New Board Members

Six new board members were elected at the Research!America annual meeting March 20.

During **The Honorable Louis Stokes'** 30 years in Congress, he championed medical research to improve the lives of all Americans, particularly minorities. The Louis Stokes Laboratories Building on the NIH campus was dedicated in 2001. He is senior

counsel at **Squire, Sanders, & Dempsey L.L.P.** and distinguished visiting professor at **Case Western Reserve University.**

**Tenley E. Albright, MD,** is director of Collaborative Initiatives at the **Massachusetts**



The Honorable Louis Stokes



Tenley E. Albright, MD

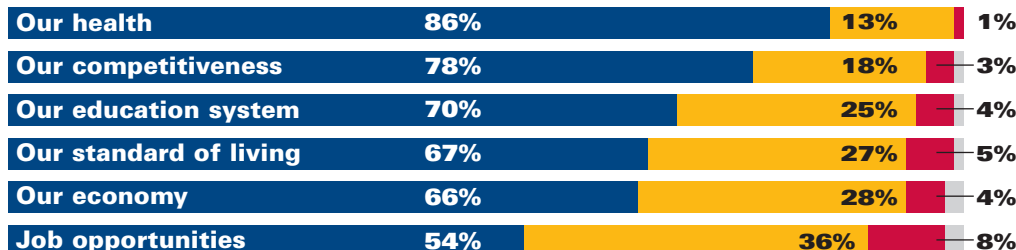
**Institute of Technology,** an interdisciplinary "think and do" tank for complex societal problems. She has served on the board of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical

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## AMERICA Speaks Science Important to U.S. Health and Competitiveness

How important is the role science plays in ...?

Very Somewhat Not Don't know



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# New ON THE Web

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

Our 2006 Annual Report "Research: For the Health of the Nation and the World" and "America Speaks," Poll Data Summary Volume 8 are available at [www.researchamerica.org](http://www.researchamerica.org).

Check out our newest initiative, **Your Congress—Your Health**, to encourage your representative and senators to tell you their views on medical research and health at [www.yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org).

**"Within Our Grasp—Or Slipping Away? Assuring a New Era of Scientific and Medical Progress,"** a report by leading universities and research institutions concerned about NIH funding, including Research!America members, can be downloaded from [http://hms.harvard.edu/public/news/nih\\_funding.pdf](http://hms.harvard.edu/public/news/nih_funding.pdf).

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### About Research!America

Research!America is the nation's largest not-for-profit public education and advocacy alliance working to make research to improve health a higher national priority. Founded in 1989, Research!America is supported by our 500+ member organizations that 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 and health research.

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# Members T A K E Action

## Aurora Economic Development Council

*A partnership between business and government since 1976, the Aurora Economic Development Council, a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(6) corporation, enhances the economic strength of Aurora, Colo., through innovative employer recruiting, expansion and retention initiatives.*

Situated between the Rocky Mountains and the Great Plains, Aurora is Colorado's third most populous city.

The **Aurora Economic Development Council** is a public-private partnership that helps the city maintain its leadership position within the state's most promising growth industries, including biosciences and aerospace.

AEDC's public sector partners are Aurora, Arapahoe County and Adams County. Its private sector partners are the leading 100 companies in the metro area with business interests in Aurora.

AEDC is a founding partner in a bioscience incubator program to help move bioscience concepts from laboratories to commercialization. Bioscience funding is a main initiative for AEDC's 2007 Strategic Plan, including participating in a coordinated effort to increase National Institutes of Health federal funding for research-based institutions and start-up companies in the region.

In fiscal year 2005, Colorado received more than \$346 million in NIH funding, according to NIH data. It has been estimated that for every million dollars of NIH funding that comes into Colorado, 38 jobs are created.

Aurora is home to **Fitzsimons**, a \$4.7 billion medical-related redevelopment project and a Research!America member. The former Army base site is being transformed into 15 million square feet dedicated to excellence in patient care, education and research. Fitzsimons will include the University of Colorado at Denver and Health



**James M. Mulligan, AEDC board chairman and attorney at Fairfield and Woods, P.C.; Jay A. Gershen, DDS, PhD, Research!America board member and vice chancellor for external affairs, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center; and Wendy Mitchell, AEDC president**

Sciences Center, University of Colorado Hospital, the Children's Hospital, Veterans Administration Hospital and a private-sector bioscience park specializing in research-oriented biotechnology, drug development and medical devices.

"Fitzsimons' projected economic impact at build-out will be \$7.2 billion from jobs created and tax revenue generated," said AEDC President Wendy Mitchell. "But none of this will happen if medical research is not well supported."

In late March, an AEDC delegation came to Washington, DC, for its annual business mission to communicate its messages to the CO Congressional delegation.

"Specifically, the main purpose and success of this trip was having the opportunity to talk to our elected officials about the importance of Aurora's two targeted industries: aerospace and bioscience," Mitchell said.

Another annual event, AEDC's A-List, attracts more than 1,500 business leaders and elected officials in the metro Aurora/Denver area. In 2006, **Sam Donaldson**, Research!America emeritus director, was keynote speaker. His key message was the importance of medical and health research funding.

"Our relationship with Research!America has helped us communicate to our business community the economic impact from medical and health research," Mitchell said. "We look forward to a continued partnership with Research!America well into the future."

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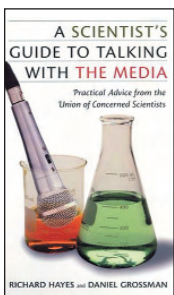
## In the News: State-Level Impact of National Trends

Research!America board member **William R. Brinkley, PhD**, Baylor College of Medicine, published an op-ed in the *Houston Chronicle*, with **Richard A. Tapia, PhD**, Rice University: “In a world where the link between scientific progress and a rising standard of living is becoming increasingly undeniable, the next generation of Americans is shrinking away from these fields that are so important to our economic future.” They point to The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas, founded by **Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (TX)**, as working to improve science and math literacy and address underlying challenges such as high school dropout rates.

*The Wall Street Journal* published an op-ed by **Amy Finkelstein, MPhil, PhD**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on her analysis of Medicare’s 1966 introduction and its implications for states’ universal-coverage plans. She found that by 1970 Medicare “caused a 37% increase in hospital spending” and that “as best we can tell, the elderly were not forgoing life-saving treatments prior to Medicare ... [but at] enormous personal financial cost.” She concluded that “overall Medicare did not so much save lives as it did provide financial security.” She received our 2006 Garfield Economic Impact of Medical and Health Research Award.

## Prevention: Key to Controlling Health Care Costs

Speaking to the Economic Club of Pittsburgh, Research!America emeritus director **Robert Ingram**, vice chairman, pharmaceuticals, **GlaxoSmithKline**, said, “The solutions to rising health care costs are prevention, intervention and innovation.” A Pittsburgh *Tribune-Review* article described Ingram’s vision of value-based health care: employers must be willing to invest more in prevention, early-detection tests, smoking cessation and cafeterias offering healthy foods.



## New Guide on Talking with the Media

Rutgers University Press released *A Scientist's Guide to Talking with the Media*, by **Richard Hayes** of the Union of Concerned Scientists, a Research!America member, and award-winning science journalist **Daniel Grossman, PhD**. The guide offers tips on translating complex concepts into lay terms, preparing for interviews and building relationships to become a valued source for reporters.

## New Books from Research Advocates

Former NIH Director **Bernadine Healy, MD**, now health editor for *U.S. News & World Report*, has published *Living Time: Faith and Facts to Transform Your Cancer Journey*. She describes her battle with cancer and discusses what cancer is, how it works in the body and how patients can weather the disease and its treatments.

**Jessie Gruman, PhD**, president of the Center for the Advancement of Health, has authored *AfterShock: What to Do When the Doctor Gives You—or Someone You Love—a Devastating Diagnosis*. She offers insights into coping with bad health news and responding to the many tasks patients and their families must face. The center received a Research!America Advocacy Award in 2006.



My thanks to all who contributed to making our 11th Annual Advocacy Awards gala a stunning success. In the words of our chair, The

Hon. John Edward Porter, advocacy is outspoken, persuasive, persistent, prepared and—especially when working together—powerful. Those we honored March 20 were enthusiastically celebrated for exhibiting these distinguishing characteristics. Their remarks, along with those of our award presenters and master of ceremonies, galvanized the audience to redouble efforts to assure that research for health becomes a much higher national priority.

Empowered by the success of our gala and National Forum, also held on March 20, Research!America has implemented new advocacy programs and materials. A new poll data summary, annual report and fact sheets are among the useful products we released that date, timed to coincide with Congressional debate on appropriations and critical policy matters.

We urge you to participate in our newest initiative: *Your Congress—Your Health*. Launched nationally in *PARADE* magazine March 11, it seeks to engage the public and elected officials in dialogue to ensure research is at the table during decision-making about transforming health care. To get involved, visit [www.yourcongressyour-health.org](http://www.yourcongressyour-health.org).

Momentum for research is building, and it can reach a tipping point if more advocates get engaged. Please join us in advocacy, and by “us” I mean our board of directors—strengthened with outstanding new members—and our dedicated staff, shattered on March 19 by the sudden death of our vibrant young colleague Brenda Smith. We salute your dedication and quick smile, Brenda, and will remember and honor you with enhanced passion for our mission!

Mary Bolley

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## FY08 Budget Process Under Way

Strong, united advocacy by research stakeholders will be critical to achieve the community's FY08 goals of a 6.7% increase for the **National Institutes of Health**, \$7 billion for the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** core programs and a 10% increase for the **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**.

The Senate Budget Committee recently approved its FY08 spending plan. The overall budget in the plan includes a 4.2% increase (\$410.7 billion) for domestic discretionary spending, described as "a small increase in an area badly under-funded by the Bush administration." There is no specific mention of the NIH, CDC or AHRQ in the spending plan, highlighting the challenges the community will face.

On March 13, **Reps. Edward Markey (MA) and Christopher Shays (CT)**, joined by **Henry Waxman (CA), Janice Schakowsky (IL), David Reichert (WA) and Christopher Smith (NJ)**, began to circulate a "Dear Colleague" letter seeking congressional sign-ons for a letter to House **Appropriations Chair David Obey (WI) and Ranking Member Jerry Lewis (CA)** in support of a 6.7% increase in NIH funding for each of the next three years. Working with the

**Campaign for Medical Research** and other advocacy groups, Research!America has asked our members to be in touch with their representatives to urge them to sign-on to this letter. At press time, the letter had more than 130 signatures. View the letter on the Advocacy page of Research!America's Web site.

## Public Health Study Group Holds First Briefing

**Julie Louise Gerberding, MD, MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** director, joined the Congressional Study Group on Public Health for its inaugural briefing March 21. The Study Group, led by founding co-chairs **Reps. Jim McGovern (MA), Kay Granger (TX) and Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA)**, is dedicated to educating members and staff about public health efforts and the work of the CDC.



Rep. Kay Granger (TX) at the first Study Group on Public Health briefing.

The **Campaign for Public Health** helped organize the briefing, which was attended by the founding co-chairs, members of the media, several CPH partner groups and many congressional staff members. More information is available at [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org).

## 2008 FEDERAL RESEARCH BUDGET

Agency	President's Request	% Change from 2007
National Institutes of Health	\$28.3 billion	-1.7%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*	\$5.8 billion	-4.4%
National Science Foundation	\$6.4 billion	+8.5%
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	\$330 million	+3.4%

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

## Zerhouni, Gerberding Testify Before Congress

### National Institutes of Health

Director **Elias A. Zerhouni, MD**, delivered the NIH FY08 budget request to the House Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations on March 6.

Zerhouni also testified before the Senate Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations Subcommittee on March 19. He spoke about the impact of past NIH research and the health challenges facing the nation. He outlined his strategic vision of an era when medicine will be predictive, personalized and preemptive. Nurturing a new generation of scientists and sustaining innovation were among key budget priorities he addressed.

For the first time, four NIH-funded researchers were invited to testify to the Senate Subcommittee about the critical nature of NIH funding in their labs.

“Right now very, very productive scientists are doing too little research. Instead, they are spending their time trying to get their labs funded again,” said **Robert Siliciano, MD, PhD**, of **The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**, a Research!America member.

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** Director **Julie Louise Gerberding, MD, MPH**, presented the CDC FY08 budget request to the Subcommittee on March 9.

Gerberding stressed the need for a balanced portfolio of health protec-

tion activities that recognizes urgent threats and urgent realities such as obesity, chronic diseases, cancer and disabilities. She also expressed the need for transparency and accountability in CDC activities.

Research!America’s home page links to Zerhouni’s and Gerberding’s testimonies.

### Zerhouni Comments on Stem Cell Policy: ‘We Cannot Be Second Best’

During the Senate hearing, Subcommittee Chair **Tom Harkin (IA)** asked Zerhouni whether scientists would have a better chance of finding new cures and new interventions for diseases if current restrictions on federally funded embryonic stem cell research were lifted.

Noting that the 2001 policy restricting funding for embryonic stem cell research was also the first to allow such funding, Zerhouni said, “It is clear today that American science would be better served and the nation would be better served if we let our scientists have access to more cell lines.”

Zerhouni reminded the Subcommittee of his pledge five years ago to always stick to the scientific truth and that disease knows no politics. “We cannot ... be second-best in this area,” he said. Zerhouni’s comments mark the first time he has publicly expressed reservations about the Administration’s policy.

## Innovation Momentum in Congress

Legislation to foster research and innovation is taking shape in both houses of Congress. **Rep. Bart Gordon (TN)** chaired a March 13 hearing of the House Committee on Science and Technology, with testimony by business and academic leaders on the importance of science to our nation’s economy. Among the innovation bills Gordon is advancing, H.R. 363 would strengthen long-term investment in basic research, including increased funding for the National Science Foundation. **Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA)** has pledged support for such legislation, to create jobs and economic security.

In the Senate, **Harry Reid (NV)**, **Mitch McConnell (KY)** and several co-sponsors introduced the America COMPETES Act, which calls for increasing our research investment and strengthening science and math education.

## PSAs Promote Patient Safety Awareness

The **Ad Council**, in partnership with the **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**, developed television, radio and print public service announcements to mark Patient Safety Awareness Week, March 4-10.



The PSAs encourage patients and consumers to ask more questions of their health care providers. Research has shown most patients do not ask enough questions or the right questions during medical appointments.

AHRQ also launched a Web site that gives patients a series of questions to ask at their next medical appointment and tips they can use to prevent medical mistakes. The goal is to make patients feel more comfortable about communicating their concerns.

For more information, visit [www.ahrq.gov/questionsaretheanswer/](http://www.ahrq.gov/questionsaretheanswer/).

### Welcome New Members!

Applied Biosystems

Caring for Carcinoid Foundation

GE Healthcare

Institute for The Advancement of Multicultural & Minority Medicine

Southeast Business Partnership

Tennessee Institute of Public Health

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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# Did YOU Know

**William R. Brinkley, PhD**, a Research!America board member, recently spoke at the 20th Kilgore Lecture at the Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church and the Zionist organization Hadassah in Houston about the life-saving potential of embryonic stem cell research.

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**The Information Technology & Innovation Foundation** recently released its “2007 State New Economy Index” report that ranks each state by factors such as innovation and an educated workforce. Highest ranked states are Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, Washington and California. Download the report from [www.itif.org](http://www.itif.org).

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The NIH Director’s **New Innovator Award** will provide grants of up to \$1.5 million over five years to new investigators proposing innovative and potentially high-impact scientific research projects. The NIH expects to make at least 14 awards this September. Applications accepted April 25–May 22. More at [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new\\_investigators/](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/new_investigators/).

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Research!America’s **Stacie Propst, PhD**, recently spoke at the **University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Industry Roundtable**.

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April. Their responses will be accessible to the public beginning mid-May at [www.yourcongressyourhealth.org](http://www.yourcongressyourhealth.org).

Other sponsors of the initiative include the **American Association of Medical Colleges**, the **Association of Schools of Public Health**, the **Endocrine Society**, the **Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation**, the **National Alliance for Hispanic Health** and the **Society for Neuroscience**.

E-mail your Congressional delegation and let them know you want to hear their views on issues important to us all—medical and health research and other issues that impact our health. Visit the site in mid-May to find out where Congress stands. For information on supporting partner opportunities, contact Bill Leinweber, executive vice president, at [bill@researchamerica.org](mailto:bill@researchamerica.org).

## State Initiatives in Biomedical Research

States continue to take an active lead in health and medical research initiatives. The **Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease** was created to help Florida become the nation’s leader in biomedical research. Arizona has focused on building research infrastructure and implementing its **Arizona Bioscience Roadmap**. California concentrates on high-growth companies and requires industry to match state financing two to one through its **Institutes for Science and Innovation**. The **Pennsylvania Biosciences Continuum** connects the state’s research institutions, mature pharmaceutical and bioscience companies, and emerging companies.

These examples are outlined in the FL CURED 2006 annual report at [www.flcured.org](http://www.flcured.org).

## New Record for Industry R&D: \$55.2 Billion

Research and development spending by the U.S. biopharmaceutical industry reached \$55.2 billion in 2006, surpassing 2005’s record of \$51.8 billion.

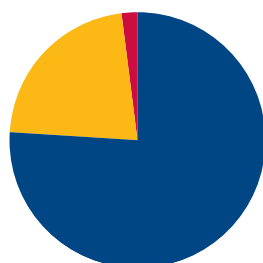
**Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America** members invested \$43 billion and topped their previous spending by \$3.1 billion.

**The Hon. Billy Tauzin**, PhRMA president and CEO, noted that “well over half of the world’s new medicines are developed by our country’s innovative companies” and highlighted work on cancer, HIV/AIDS and Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases. **Burrill & Company** performed the analysis. PhRMA and Burrill & Company are Research!America members.

## AMERICA Speaks

How important is it for the U.S. to create more opportunities for careers in science and research for its young people?

## Expanding Research Career Opportunities Important for Young Americans



Very important	<b>76%</b>
Somewhat important	<b>22%</b>
Not important	<b>2%</b>

SOURCE: BRIDGING THE SCIENCES SURVEY, 2006  
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## Alzheimer's Disease Researchers Honored

The **MetLife Foundation Awards for Medical Research in Alzheimer's Disease** this year honored **David M. Holtzman, MD**, and **Berislav V. Zlokovic, MD, PhD**, at a luncheon in Washington, DC.

Holtzman, of the **Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine**, a Research!America member, examines the early stages of Alzheimer's disease with his pioneering work in molecular biology. Zlokovic, of the **University of Rochester Medical Center**, also a member, studies the impact that blood flow plays in the disease.

**Richard Hodes, MD**, director of the **National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health**, spoke at the luncheon, which was followed by a briefing moderated by **Robert N. Butler, MD**, president and CEO of the **International Longevity Center-USA**.

The estimated total worldwide cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia tops \$248 billion, according to Swedish research released at a July 2006 conference sponsored by the **Alzheimer's Association**.

### New Board Members

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Research and as chair of the National Library of Medicine Board of Regents.

**Harry Johns** is president and CEO of the **Alzheimer's Association**. He has launched initiatives to raise concern about Alzheimer's commensurate with

its impact and to raise awareness of the association's role in care, support and research.

Previously,

Johns spent 22 years at the **American Cancer Society**.

**Darrell G. Kirch, MD**, is president and CEO of the **Association of American Medical Colleges**. His career spans all aspects of academic medicine and includes leadership positions at medical schools, teaching hospitals and the **National Institutes of Health**. He is a leading expert on severe neuropsychiatric disorders.

**Mark B. McClellan, MD, PhD**, is a former Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services administrator and

former Food and Drug Administration commissioner. He is a visiting senior fellow at **AEI-Brookings Joint Center for Regulatory Studies**, a former member of the President's Council of Economic Advisers and former White House senior director for health care policy.

**Christopher A. Viehbacher** is president, U.S. Pharmaceuticals,



Harry Johns



Darrell G. Kirch, MD



Mark B. McClellan, MD, PhD



Christopher A. Viehbacher

**GlaxoSmithKline**. Previously he was president, Pharmaceuticals Europe and held leadership positions at Burroughs Wellcome Inc., Canada and Glaxo Wellcome France. In 2003, the French Republic recognized him with its prestigious Légion d'Honneur award for his contributions to business and healthcare.

**Karen A. Holbrook, PhD**, president of **The Ohio State University**, was also formally elected to the board. She had served as an interim Research!America board member since May 2006.

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Research!America joined with the **American Public Health Association** in celebration of the 12th annual **National Public Health Week**, April 2-8. This year's efforts encouraged Americans to prepare effectively for public health threats, from bioterrorism and natural disasters to disease outbreaks. Download resources at [www.nphw.org](http://www.nphw.org).

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The **James Redford Institute for Transplant Awareness** presented "Share the Beat: Celebrating the Hope in Transplantation" last month in Omaha, Neb., to raise awareness about tissue and organ transplantation and to raise funds for young people to create animated public service announcements. **Jamie Redford**, who received a Research!America Advocacy Award in 2000, created the organization following two liver transplants. See [www.sharethebeat.org](http://www.sharethebeat.org).

### Principal Partner Thank You

The Research!America Board of Directors and staff extend special thanks to all our 2007 National Forum and Advocacy Award gala sponsors (see insert for listings) and to our *Your Congress—Your Health* partners:

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**Association of Schools  
of Public Health**

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**The Joseph H. Kanter  
Family Foundation**

**National Alliance  
for Hispanic Health**

**Society for Neuroscience**

# ComingUp

April 30, 2007—Deadline for the 2007 **Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research Ambassadors** nominations. Visit [www.researchamerica.org/pgrsociety/](http://www.researchamerica.org/pgrsociety/).

May 5—**China and India Life Sciences Partnering Meetings** in Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA. Sponsored by Burrill & Company; see [www.burrillandco.com/burrill/conferences](http://www.burrillandco.com/burrill/conferences) for details and to register.

May 9-10, 2007—**Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research's** 2007 Social, Behavioral Educational Research Conference "Sharing Tools and Joining Forces: Ethical and Regulatory Balance," Broomfield, Colo. Details at [www.primr.org](http://www.primr.org).

May 9-12, 2007—**First Annual Meeting of the Society for Women's Health Research Organization for the Study of Sex Differences**, Washington, DC. Details at [www.ossdweb.org](http://www.ossdweb.org).

May 31, 2007—Deadline for Research!America's **2008 Advocacy Award nominations**. More information will be sent to all Research!America members and partners this month.

# Advocacy & Action

## Senate Vote on Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act Expected Soon Contact Your Senators Now

The Senate is expected to vote on the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act shortly after Congress' spring recess in early April. Please keep up the pressure on your senators to support the bill.

The House of Representatives passed the bill (H.R. 3) with strong bipartisan support (253-174), but short of the two-thirds needed to override the expected Presidential veto. Our goal is to secure a veto-proof vote in the Senate.

Contact your senators today and urge them to vote YES on S. 5, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act. Visit [www.researchamerica.org/advocacy](http://www.researchamerica.org/advocacy) to take action now.

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