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# The Research

## A D V O C A T E

*Bringing Research Closer to Home*

## Remembering Paul Rogers



The Honorable Paul G. Rogers

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**The Honorable Paul Grant Rogers**, a highly decorated, 12-term Florida Congressman known as “Mr. Health” for his lifetime of service to public health and medical research, passed away October 13 from complications following cancer surgery. He was 87. He chaired Research!America’s board from 1996-2005 and remained active as our chair emeritus.

“It’s impossible to convey the enormity of the loss of Paul Rogers,” said **The Honorable John Edward Porter**, Research!America chair. “Paul was truly a giant, and we

were so fortunate to have shared his time and his very great talents as a champion of health research.”

Research!America President **Mary Woolley** said, “Paul Rogers often said that, without research, there is no hope. For the hope that research has brought, the world owes a great debt of thanks to Paul Rogers.”

Rogers’ achievements benefited the lives of Americans young and old. In his honor, in 2000, Congress designated the Paul G. Rogers Plaza at the **National Institutes of Health**.

In 2006, Research!America established the **Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research** in his honor, with support from the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**.

See insert and [www.researchamerica.org/rogers\\_tribute](http://www.researchamerica.org/rogers_tribute) for more on Paul Rogers’ life and legacy.

## Garfield Award Presented October 14

On Tuesday October 14, the seventh annual **Eugene Garfield Economic Impact of Medical**



Eugene Garfield, PhD; David Leonhardt; Douglas O. Staiger, PhD; Amitabh Chandra, PhD; Mark McClellan, MD, PhD; Kevin White, MD

**and Health Research Award** was presented to **Amitabh Chandra, PhD**, and **Douglas O. Staiger, PhD**, at the Newseum in Washington, DC.

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## McCain Adviser: No Hatchet to Science Funding

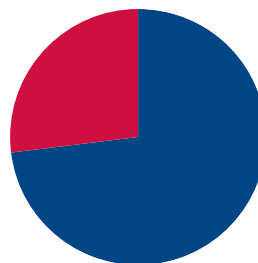
Presidential candidate John McCain’s proposed one-year freeze on all non-defense, non-veterans spending would have a specific “carve out” for science research, a position first voiced October 14 at a Research!America event by **Ike Brannon, PhD**, of John McCain 2008.

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## AMERICA Speaks

When it comes to rising health care costs, would you say research to improve health is part of the problem or part of the solution?

Research Is A Solution to Rising Health Care Costs



Part of the Solution	<b>73%</b>
Part of the Problem	<b>27%</b>

# New ON THE Web

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

Research!America President Mary Woolley spoke to the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** fellows, a **George Washington University** public health advocacy class and at the **Institute of Medicine's** annual meeting on the importance of advocacy for research. [www.researchamerica.org/speeches](http://www.researchamerica.org/speeches).

Tools to help recognize our public health heroes are available at [www.publichealththankyouday.org](http://www.publichealththankyouday.org). Join the **Public Health Thank You Day** Facebook group to find out more.

**Children and Clinical Studies** is a new educational Web site from the **National Institutes of Health** about children's medical research. [www.ChildrenAndClinicalStudies.nhlbi.nih.gov](http://www.ChildrenAndClinicalStudies.nhlbi.nih.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 institutions, businesses and 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.

**Research!America**  
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# Members TAKE Action



**Doug Greene, MD**

*operating in more than 100 countries, contributes to improving life by providing a broad offering of medicines, vaccines and integrated health care solutions adapted to local needs and means.*

In 2007, sanofi-aventis invested more than \$6 billion in research and development, which is about 16% of its net

sales. A key challenge the company faces is uniting the scientific and socio-economic dimensions of its R&D innovations.

The company's R&D portfolio is among the pharmaceutical industry's most promising, especially in the fields of thrombosis, cardiometabolism, vaccines, oncology, the central nervous system and internal medicine, said **Doug Greene, MD**, chief medical officer, sanofi-aventis U.S.

Today's challenges of medicine are numerous, and a revolution in the way patients are considered by science and medicine is under way, Greene said.

"The days when patients had to adapt to their treatments are over. Today we are entering an era of personalized care—prevention, treatment, cure and ease of use of medicines and vaccines," Greene said. "In line with this, our R&D teams are focusing their energy on the pursuit of a single goal: offering a full range of therapeutic solutions for each patient."

To reach this goal, the teams work to combat not only a disease's symptoms but also to provide innovative drugs and vaccines through a global approach to risk factors and related diseases, he said.

Clearly, increased U.S. public and private investment in research is vital to sanofi-aventis' success.

"Biotechnology, genomics and proteomics are the pathways of future research—areas that sanofi-aventis has already begun to explore," Greene said. "Our company has entered into a number of collaboration agreements with both public and private research organizations and biotechnology companies."

Such alliances include technological

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*Sanofi-aventis, a leading global pharmaceutical company based in Paris and*

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partnerships, which provide access to new technologies, and product-based partnerships, which make it possible to explore new opportunities in the company's spheres of excellence.

Sanofi-aventis has been a loyal Research!America member since 2001 and is a supporting partner in Research!America's voter education initiative, **Your Candidates—Your Health**. Research!America board member **Christopher Viehbacher** recently joined sanofi-aventis as CEO.

"Our partnership with Research!America complements the work we do at sanofi-aventis in important ways," Greene said. "Both organizations understand the value of research and the important role it plays in the economic health of nations and the well-being of its citizens. The partnership affords us the opportunity to collaborate in communicating and promoting important ideas about research. As a result, the messages are more credible."

"Research!America membership materials, publications and alerts provide vital information and a perspective that our company may otherwise not be aware of which helps to shape our views on some of the most important research challenges faced by societies," Greene concluded.

For more information, visit [www.sanofi-aventis.us](http://www.sanofi-aventis.us).

### Welcome New Members! Association of University Centers on Disabilities

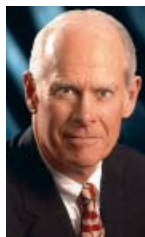
**Steven A. Schroeder Institute for  
Tobacco Research and Policy Studies**  
**Society for the Study of Reproduction**

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*or visit [www.researchamerica.org/become\\_member](http://www.researchamerica.org/become_member).*

## Science Magazine Publishes Porter and Woolley Editorials

*Science* magazine published an editorial by **The Hon. John Edward Porter**, Research!America board chair, on the importance of putting research on the national agenda. Porter encouraged scientists to help identify candidates for the next president's science appointments, volunteer to advise candidates on science issues, school themselves on the candidates and their positions on science issues, encourage debates about science among those who seek public office and finally, to run for office themselves.



The Hon.  
John Edward  
Porter

An editorial written by **Mary Woolley**, Research!America president, and **Jim Wells, PhD**, professor at the **University of California in San Francisco**, was also published in *Science*. Woolley and

Wells wrote that investing in basic science is good not only for the U.S. but also for the rest of the world. They call on scientists individually and through advocacy groups to raise public awareness in support of health research.



Jim Wells, PhD

## Research!America on the Candidates' Views on Research

*Nature* and *Nature Medicine*'s election specials both cited presidential candidates **John McCain's** and **Barack Obama's** answers to Research!America's *Your Candidates—Your Health* voter education initiative. **Coco Ballantyne**, *Nature Medicine* reporter, described Research!America as "one of the 15 groups to know" in science advocacy in the U.S. Porter, Research!America's chair, was also featured in *Nature Medicine* as one of the 10 most influential people in science policy.

**David Baltimore, PhD**, the Robert A. Millikan Professor of Biology at the **California Institute of Technology**, and **Alan I. Leshner, PhD**, CEO of the **American Association for the Advancement of Science**, wrote a joint op-ed that appeared in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* on the importance of putting science on the national agenda. Baltimore is the recipient of our 2009 Builders of Science Award, and Leshner is a Research!America board member.

Former Research!America intern and current **Vanderbilt University** medical student **Andrew Gore** published an op-ed in *The Tennessean* newspaper in which he cited Research!America's voter education initiative. He concluded, "We need the NIH grant funding for the cures and treatments it facilitates. We need the NIH funding to support local employers. We need the NIH funding for a healthier and stronger community. The only way to find out if our elected officials are going to support NIH funding is to ask them. I have. Have you?"

Moderated by *The New York Times*' "Economic Scene" columnist **David Leonhardt**, Research!America's October 14 discussion between representatives from the McCain and Obama campaigns (see page 1) received coverage from *The Hill* newspaper, on *Nature* magazine's **The Great Beyond Blog** and other media.

## Zerhouni's Departure from NIH

**Bloomberg News** quoted Mary Woolley on the resignation of **Elias A. Zerhouni, MD**, who stepped down as director of the **National Institutes of Health** at the end of October. In spite of an unfavorable climate for research funding during his tenure, Zerhouni did an extraordinary job, Woolley said. Coverage of Research!America's statement responding to Zerhouni's announcement included **Reuters News** wire service, **AOL News** and the Web sites of several television stations.



The passing of Paul Rogers on October 13 is a very difficult loss. In so many ways, Paul epitomized public service as a citizen's highest calling,

even as he inspired countless others to excel, break new ground and set higher goals in the interest of better health and well-being in our nation and worldwide. He was completely dedicated to research, researchers and all those who strive to translate the full promise of research into the benefits of health.

Research!America has established a fund in Paul's memory, which we will dedicate to achieving his vision of assuring that a new generation of voices for research will be heeded in communities around our nation. When he assumed the chair of Research!America's Board, Paul initiated The 435 Project, named in recognition that people in every Congressional district (and by extension, every state) care deeply about research for health and want their elected representatives to make it a higher priority. The genius of this grassroots approach has undergirded our work ever since.

Now, at this singular moment in history as we turn from an extraordinary election that ignited the attention of so many young voters, it is especially fitting to reinforce Research!America's determination to re-commit to nationwide, multi-generational advocacy. We will do it in Paul's name and with his determination. The 435 Project will include national and community-level programs, advocacy training, opinion polling, outreach to Congress and media, and other activities that underscore the centrality of research for a healthier America.

I invite you to join us in this mission.

Mary Woolley

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## Research Could Benefit in Recovery Package

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (CA) and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (NV) have indicated that Congress will work on an economic recovery package in the coming months. Pelosi recently convened an economic forum with House leaders and leading economists. She also asked key committees to hold hearings on provisions of a stimulus package so that the House is ready to act when the time comes. Reid said the Senate will return for a lame duck session on November 17, but plans for the House remain uncertain at press time.

Before adjourning to campaign in home districts, the House passed an economic recovery package worth \$60.8 billion. The Senate failed to secure the 60 votes needed to consider its stimulus package, which included \$1.2 billion for the **National Institutes of Health** and \$46 million for the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**.

The anticipated economic recovery package adds yet another chance to increase funding at the NIH, CDC and **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**. Other upcoming opportunities include:

- completion of FY09 appropriations since much of the federal government is functioning at FY08 levels

under the continuing resolution that lasts through March 6, 2009;

- submission of the new President's budget for FY10; and
- initiation of the FY10 budget and appropriations process in Congress.

Visit [www.researchamerica.org/](http://www.researchamerica.org/) advocacy for updates.

Correction: In the October newsletter we incorrectly stated that the Senate version of the continuing resolution included stimulus funding for NIH and CDC. The stimulus package was actually considered separately as The Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (S. 3604).

## CPH: Roundtable Launched, Study Group Meets

The **Campaign for Public Health's** newly formed *Public Health Leaders Roundtable* welcomed **Julie Louise Gerberding, MD**, director of the CDC, as guest speaker at its first meeting in late September. The CPH advisory group is comprised of major individual, non-profit and corporate donors to CPH. At the meeting, Gerberding stressed that three things have never been greater: the opportunities that exist in public health, the need for the CDC's work and the challenges hindering that work.

In partnership with the **Congressional Study Group on Public Health**, CPH has organized three meetings on Capitol Hill to discuss the important role of public health in the upcoming health reform debate. See [www.FundCDC.org](http://www.FundCDC.org) for more.

## 2009 FEDERAL RESEARCH BUDGET

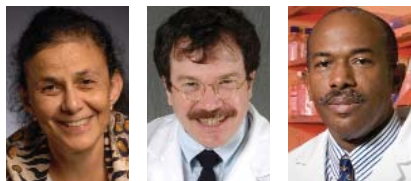
Agency	President's Request	% Change from 2008	House Approps.	% Change from 2008	Senate Approps.	% Change from 2008
NIH*	\$28.9 billion	No change	\$30.1 billion	+4.0%	\$30.0 billion	+3.5%
CDC**	\$6.0 billion	-7.4%	\$6.6 billion	+2.4%	\$6.5 billion	+1.2%
NSF	\$6.9 billion	+13.0%	\$6.9 billion	+13.0%	\$6.9 billion	+13.0%
AHRQ	\$326 million	-2.7%	\$375 million	+12.1%	\$335 million	No change
VA	\$442 million	-7.9%	\$500 million	+4.2%	\$527 million	+9.8%

\* Does not include money for the Global HIV/AIDS Fund, which is appropriated to NIH but is not available for research.

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

## Paul G. Rogers Society Ambassadors Honored

Wafaa El-Sadr, MD, MPH, has been named a 2008 MacArthur Fellow, an exceptional honor she shares with 24 others selected for their creativity, originality and



El-Sadr

Hotez

Hildreth

potential to make important contributions in the future. El-Sadr's work as a global leader in the field of infectious disease and public health was recognized with this \$500,000 "no strings attached" award.

Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, renowned for his efforts to develop vaccines against tropical diseases, and James E.K. Hildreth, MD, PhD, who leads the Center for AIDS Health Disparities Research, were recently elected to the **Institute of Medicine** of the National Academies. This prestigious membership is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine.

All three are Ambassadors in the Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research. Visit [www.researchamerica.org/pgr\\_society](http://www.researchamerica.org/pgr_society) for more.

## Garfield Award *Continued from page 1*

At the luncheon, keynote speaker **David Leonhardt** of *The New York Times* explained how research could play a role in the current economic crisis.

"When we look at economic drivers in this country," Leonhardt said, "what we see is a huge record of success when the government invests in things that are basic—basic science infrastructure."

**Mark McClellan, MD, PhD**, director of the Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform at the Brookings Institution and award selection committee chair, presented the award to Chandra and Staiger.

Their publication, "Productivity Spillovers in Health Care: Evidence from the Treatment of Heart Attacks," was honored for developing a groundbreaking model that could improve the translation of research to medical practice.

Since 2002, this award has been generously supported by the **Eugene Garfield Foundation**. This year, the **University of Chicago Medical Center** joined Research!America as a sponsoring partner. **Kevin White, PhD**, represented UCMC at the event.

Download a podcast from [www.researchamerica.org/economicimpact\\_award](http://www.researchamerica.org/economicimpact_award).

## Candidates' Advisers *Continued from page 1*

**Tim Westmoreland, JD**, of Barack Obama 2008, said Obama is committed to doubling the **National Institutes of Health** budget within 10 years.

In a discussion moderated by **David Leonhardt** of *The New York Times*, both advisers hashed out their candidates' views on a panoply of health-related issues. They touched on the current administration's approach to science and how a new administration will differ. A podcast of the discussion is available at <http://researchamerica.blogspot.com>.



Tim Westmoreland, JD; Ike Brannon, PhD; David Leonhardt; Mary Woolley

## 2009 Research!America Advocacy Awards

### 20th Anniversary Celebration

March 24, 2009

Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium  
Washington, DC

### Gala Co-Chairs

**Herbert Pardes, MD**  
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital  
**Randolph Siegel**  
PARADE magazine

6:30 p.m. Grand Reception  
7:15 p.m. Dinner and Awards  
Presentations

### 2009 Advocacy Award Recipients

#### Isadore Rosenfeld Award for Impact on Public Opinion

**BOB WOODRUFF**

*ABC News Anchor*

*Cognitive Rehabilitation Research Advocate*

#### Raymond and Beverly Sackler Award for Sustained National Leadership

**C. EVERETT KOOP, MD, ScD**

*Former U.S. Surgeon General*

*Elizabeth DeCamp McInerney Professor of  
Surgery, Dartmouth Medical School*

#### Paul G. Rogers Distinguished Organization Advocacy Award

**GENETIC ALLIANCE**

**Sharon Terry, President & CEO**

#### Gordon and Llura Gund Leadership Award

**JAMES E. STOWERS JR. AND**

**VIRGINIA G. STOWERS**

*Stowers Institute for Medical Research*

#### Builders of Science Award

**DAVID BALTIMORE, PHD**

*Robert A. Millikan Professor of Biology,  
California Institute of Technology*

### Research!America Names COO



Michael Coburn

**Michael Coburn**

is now

Research!America's  
chief operating  
officer. He most  
recently served as  
COO for The Arc of  
the United States.

# Did YOU Know

The **Clinical Research Forum**, a Research!America member, welcomed **Linda Hay Crawford** as its incoming CEO. She previously worked at the American Cancer Society, also a Research!America member.

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The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** has released a new state health data report, *America's Health Starts with Healthy Children*, that examines children's health in every state and compares it to potential national benchmarks. See [www.rwjf.org](http://www.rwjf.org).

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Research!America has joined the **American Association for the Advancement of Science**, the **Association of American Universities** and other organizations in a call for a fast appointment of a **White House Science Adviser** after the election. AAAS is a Research!America member. See [www.aau.edu/policy](http://www.aau.edu/policy).

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Research!America's **Your Candidates—Your Health** initiative was demonstrated on Capitol Hill at **Rep. John Conyers' (MI) Health Care Forum** at the **Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference** in October. The forum promoted the voter education initiative to health professionals, students and researchers.

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## New Poll Data Released at Institute of Medicine Meeting

New data released this month confirms that Americans are very concerned about health care costs. **Mary Woolley**, Research!America president, presented Research!America's latest public opinion poll data at the **Institute of Medicine** annual meeting on October 13 in Washington, DC.

The findings highlight the bleak outlook many Americans share on health care costs, quality and effectiveness. Nonetheless, the American public believes that research is part of the solution and is optimistic that medical breakthroughs will occur.

Woolley's presentation is available at [www.researchamerica.org/speeches](http://www.researchamerica.org/speeches), and the public opinion poll findings can be found at [www.researchamerica.org/poll\\_data](http://www.researchamerica.org/poll_data).

## New Faces at Research!America

A new program manager for global health research and public health research advocacy has joined Research!America. **Kimberly Handler** was a legislative aide at the **American Association of Immunologists** for more than three years. Before that, she worked at the **Society for Neuroscience** in government affairs.

Research!America also welcomed a fellow and an intern this fall, thanks to the generous support of the **Burroughs Wellcome Fund**.

**Hillary Lewis, JD**, science policy fellow, recently received her law degree from the **University of Houston Law Center**. **Allison Bland**, communications intern, recently graduated from **McGill University** in Montreal, Canada.

For information on job openings and winter-spring internships, visit [www.researchamerica.org/careers](http://www.researchamerica.org/careers).

## Principal Partner Thank You

*Special thanks to our principal partners:*

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**William A. Peck, MD**

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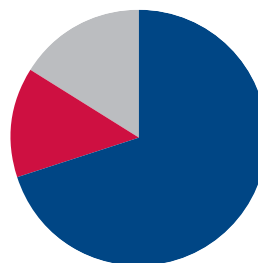
**William A. Peck, MD**, Research!America board vice chair and director of the Center for Health Policy at the **Washington University School of Medicine** in St. Louis, is being honored by the **St. Andrews Resources for Seniors System** as a 2008 Ageless-Remarkable St. Louisian.

The sixth annual award presentation is a special way of honoring dynamic older adults who remain an active force in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Visit [www.standrews1.com](http://www.standrews1.com).

## AMERICA Speaks

Do you agree or disagree with this statement: The U.S. is losing its global competitive edge in science, technology and innovation.

## U.S. Competitive Edge in Innovation



Strongly/somewhat agree	<b>70%</b>
Strongly/somewhat disagree	<b>14%</b>
Don't know	<b>16%</b>

SOURCE: NATIONAL POLL, 2008  
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## Public Health Thank You Day, November 24

Research!America and our national public health partners invite you to join us in celebrating our public health heroes on Monday, November 24. **The Hon. Paul G. Rogers** (1921-2008) was a public health hero who worked at the national level to achieve passage of legislation that helped all Americans (see page 1 and insert). These four researchers and other public health heroes have followed his example in their own communities.

### Robert A. Lynch, PhD, MPH,



*University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center*  
Lynch's

research in rural Oklahoma led the community and elected officials to take action to protect families against hazardous lead levels. "We need to ensure that policymakers understand how public health protects us all every day."

### Susan P. Baker, MPH,



*Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Injury Research and Policy*

On Public Health Thank You Day, "we recognize our 'health protection heroes' who work tirelessly every day to promote the health of people of all ages," said **Julie Louise Gerberding, MD, MPH**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director. "The 14,000 public health professionals at the CDC ... say 'thank you' to each of these heroes on the frontlines of health."

Visit [www.publichealththankyouday.org](http://www.publichealththankyouday.org) for more information and ways you can say thank you.

Baker's research in injury prevention and driving safety has resulted in national passenger protection laws, saving thousands of lives, particularly those of infants and children. "Without U.S. investment in public health research, things simply won't happen."

### Alan E. Greenberg, MD,



*MPH, George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services*

Greenberg's groundbreaking work in HIV/AIDS research has led the way to new preventions and safer procedures and treatments for

HIV-infected patients and those at risk. "The current U.S. investment in this epidemic is proof that if we dedicate the resources, we can help slow the rate of infection."

### James L. Regens, PhD,



*University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center*  
Regens' research is

protecting our military and all Americans from bioterrorism and emerging infectious diseases. "Public health research is an integral part of economic growth; leveraging scientific innovation is challenging, but essential."

## Did You Know?

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The **Global Health Council**, a Research!America member, calls for abstracts for its **New Investigators in Global Health** program to highlight exemplary global health research and discover new global health leaders. Abstracts are due December 1. See [www.globalhealth.org](http://www.globalhealth.org).

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The **Howard Hughes Medical Institute** has named **Robert Tjian, PhD**, as its new president. HHMI is a Research!America member.

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**Maria C. Freire, PhD**, president of the **Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation**, has been elected to the prestigious **Institute of Medicine**. The Lasker Foundation is a frequent Research!America partner. See [www.nationalacademies.org](http://www.nationalacademies.org).

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The **Joseph H. Kanter Family Foundation** and **eHealth Initiative Foundation** have launched a partnership to research health outcomes and comparative effectiveness. Research!America board member **Mark McClellan, MD, PhD**, will serve as the partnership's adviser. See [www.healthlegacy.org](http://www.healthlegacy.org).

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Congratulations to **Emily Connelly**, who was recently promoted to director of science policy and outreach at Research!America.

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November 11, 2008—Research!America's post-election conversation about **Your Candidates—Your Health**. Washington, DC.

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