The Brain Tumor Society has awarded $587,000 in research grants to 12 leading brain tumor scientists. This year’s recipients include Arturo Alvarez-Buylla, Ph.D. (University of California); Bob S. Carter, Ph.D. (Massachusetts General Hospital); Charles G. Eberhart, M.D., Ph.D. (John Hopkins University); Ulrike Gaul, Ph.D. (Rockefeller University); Evan M. Hersh, M.D. (University of Arizona); Ajay Niranjan, M.D. (University of Pittsburgh); George Perides, Ph.D. (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center); Benjamin M. Segal, M.D. (University of Rochester); Hui-Kuo Shu, M.D., Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania); Erwin G. Van Meir, Ph.D. (Emory University); Carol J. Wikstrand, Ph.D. (Duke University Medical Center); and Ming-Jian You, M.D., Ph.D. (Dana-Farber Cancer Institute). The Brain Tumor Society funds basic scientific research; disseminates educational information to patients, health professionals, and the public; and provides psychosocial support to those in need. Since 1992, the organization has allocated more than $3.67 million in brain tumor research grants. This year the Society will increase the level of individual 2-year awards to $200,000. Grant applications are now available. For more information, please call the number listed below or visit www.tbts.org.

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American Association of Neurological Surgeons
Seventieth Annual Meeting
April 6-11, 2002, Chicago, IL

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Neurotumor Club
April 8, 2002

Continuing with past tradition, Drs. Minesh Mehta and David Gutmann are organizing the 2002 AACR Neurotumor Satellite Meeting. This will be an exciting and relatively informal gathering of individuals from various branches of science and medicine with a direct or indirect interest/impact on the field of neuro-oncology. Last year’s meeting attracted more than 20 speakers and more than 150 attendees and was an enormous success. A series of approximately 15 talks of about 10 minutes in length is planned. The meeting is funded by the Preuss Foundation and is exceptionally well received. Plan to attend and bring your postdoctoral fellows and students. This has been a very successful meeting focused on neuro-oncology. Presentations will be selected from the submitted AACR abstracts as well as from individuals who wish to present interesting data. After the talks, there will be an informal dinner. For details about location and time visit www.soc-neuro-onc.org.

Mechanisms and Therapeutics of Neurologic Disease: Impact of the Blood-Brain Barrier
April 24, 2002, Portland, OR

Presentations cover the role of the BBB in stroke, brain tumors, CNS inflammatory processes, neurodegenerative disorders, and imaging. There is no registration fee. Registration deadline is February 15, 2002. Contacts:
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EIGHTH ANNUAL BLOOD-BRAIN BARRIER DISRUPTION CONSORTIUM MEETING
IMPORTANCE OF THE BLOOD-BRAIN BARRIER AND IMAGING IN FUTURE NEURO-ONCOLOGY THERAPEUTICS
APRIL 25-27, 2002, SKAMANIA LODGE, STEVENSON, WA

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TENTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PEDIATRIC NEURO-ONCOLOGY
JUNE 9-12, 2002, LONDON, ENGLAND

The Symposium will take place at the Hilton London Metropole. The theme of the meeting will be the present and future management of childhood brain tumors and will include sessions devoted to the role of high-dose chemotherapy, the role of stereotactic “focused” radiotherapy, and improving the safety and effectiveness of neurosurgery. The program will include plenary lectures, free papers, breakout sessions, and manned poster sessions. The social program will include a gala dinner at the 16th Century Middle Temple in the heart of London’s historic legal district.

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NEUROPATHOLOGY 2002, THE SEVENTH EUROPEAN CONGRESS OF NEUROPATHOLOGY
JULY 14-17, 2002, HELSINKI, FINLAND

The Scandinavian Society of Neuropathology is organizing the next European Congress of Neuropathology in Helsinki, Finland. For more information, visit the Web site at www.congrex.fi/neuropathology2002.

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FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF NEURO-ONCOLOGY
SEPTEMBER 7-11, 2002, FLORENCE, ITALY

The Italian Association of Neuro-Oncology will host the Fifth EANO Congress at the International Congress Center in Florence, September 7-11, 2002. As in previous meetings, the Congress will provide updates on basic and clinical research in the field of neuro-oncology, with the aim of evoking fruitful multidisciplinary cooperation between specialists from different countries. The Congress will begin with a postgraduate course on selected topics on the diagnosis and treatment of pediatric and adult tumors of the central nervous system. The Scientific Program will be divided into invited lectures, oral and poster sessions, and panel discussions on controversial topics, with the purpose of developing a neuro-oncology forum open to the various disciplines involved in this field, as intended by EANO at its founding. The Congress location in central Florence will allow the exploration of this astonishing open air museum, offering also the opportunity for a delightful tourist experience. The Association is pleased to invite basic and clinical scientists, nurses, and all those in the community who are involved in the study and treatment of brain tumors to participate in the fifth EANO Congress. The meeting promises to be an exciting scientific and sightseeing opportunity.

The Call for Papers will be announced in the Second Announcement, which will include the abstract form and will give further information about main topics and the Congress program. It will also include details about the social program for active participants and accompanying guests.

Deadline for abstract submission: March 1, 2002
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ADVANCES IN RESEARCH AND TREATMENT IN THE 21ST CENTURY: A NEURO-ONCOLOGY SYMPOSIUM
SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2002, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

The Brain Tumor Research Center at the University of California, San Francisco, is sponsoring this neuro-oncology symposium to be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in San Francisco. Featured speakers are Drs. Darell Bigner, Rolf Bjerkvig, and Web Cavenee. For more information, call or fax the Center, as below.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR NEURO-ONCOLOGY
NOVEMBER 21-24, 2002, SAN DIEGO HYATT REGENCY
SAN DIEGO, CA

See the July issue of Neuro-Oncology for more details.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR NEURO-ONCOLOGY
NOVEMBER 13-16, 2003, KEYSTONE RESORT IN COLORADO

AWARDS

RESEARCH TRAINING IN NEURO-ONCOLOGY

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH COMBINED NEURO-ONCOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Johns Hopkins University and The National Institutes of Health’s Intramural Neuro-Oncology Program each have funds to support the training of individuals who plan an academic career in neuro-oncology. As of July 1, 2001, these programs pooled resources to jointly select and train neuro-oncology fellows. Drs. Stuart Grossman (Johns Hopkins) and Howard Fine (NIH) direct this combined program. The selection committee is composed of representatives from neurosurgery, neurology, medical, pediatric, and radiation oncology from Johns Hopkins and the NIH. The participating research laboratories are located at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and the NIH. Clinical opportunities also exist at both institutions. The formal courses that are a required as part of this training program, entitled “Research Training in Neuro-Oncology,” is to prepare neurosurgeons, radiation therapists, medical and pediatric oncologists, and neuro-oncologists for academic careers in neuro-oncology. Applicants with M.D. degrees who have completed at least two years of postdoctoral training toward board certification in their chosen subspecialty and are committed to a full-time career in neuro-oncology are eligible for this research fellowship. A total of 5 new trainees will be selected each year. The trainees will be involved in well-supervised research activities over a two-year period in one of many participating research laboratories directly or indirectly involved in neuro-oncologic research. Three fellows will also have the opportunity to spend a third year in research at the NIH. The participating laboratories at Johns Hopkins are located in the Oncology Center (Biostatistics, Cancer Pain, Cell and Gene Therapy, EB Virus/CNS Lymphoma, Epidemiology, Molecular Genetics, Neuro-Oncology, Pharmacology-Experimental Therapeutics, and Radiation Therapy) and in the Departments of Radiology (Diagnostic Radiology Research, Neuroradiology, and Nuclear Medicine), Neurology and Neurosurgery, (Brain Injury, Brain Interstitial Chemotherapy, Neural Microvascular Function, Pain Research, Pediatric Neurology, Pediatric Neurosurgery, and Neurovirology), and Pathology (Cytogenetics and Neuro-Pathology). Research opportunities at the NIH include participation in any one of the hundreds of on-campus basic, translational, and clinical research laboratories located within the 75 branches of the Divisions of Basic and Clinical Sciences of the National Cancer Institute or within the 6 major scientific focus areas of the National Institute of Neurologic Disorder and Stroke (Repair and Plasticity, Neurodegeneration, Neural Environment, Systems and Cognitive Neuroscience, Clinical Trials, Neurogenetics, Channels, Synapses and Circuits). Research opportunities also exist in the large and growing program in animal and human brain tumor imaging (H-MRS, P-MRS, fMR, MRI/CT, PET, SPECT, US, Infrared SPECT) located within the NIH’s Clinical Center. The trainees will also have formal rotations through the relevant clinical subspecialties. These will include medical, pediatric, and radiation oncology, neurosurgery, neurology, neuropathology, and cancer pain. In addition, the trainees will take formal courses at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and Hygiene in biostatistics, epidemiology, neuroanatomy, methods in clinical and laboratory research, biomedical writing, and the responsible conduct of research. They will also attend clinical and research conferences, seminars, and courses throughout the NIH and The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions which are relevant to neuro-oncology, their research activities, and their needs as future academicians. Finally, the trainees will have opportunities to participate in national scientific meetings focusing on investigations in neuro-oncology and/or their area of specific research and interest. The NIH and The Johns Hopkins University are affirmative action/equal opportunity employers and actively encourage interest from minorities and women. For more information, visit http://www.hopkinscancercenter.org/education/neo-index.cfm.