Welcome to the December 2005 edition of TSC Alert – an online research newsletter for individuals interested in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) research and clinical care. This online newsletter contains information of interest to the TSC research and health care community. Please forward this newsletter to colleagues who are interested in TSC. To be added/deleted to/from the mailing list for TSC Alert and/or to submit information for the January 2006 TSC Alert contact: vwhittemore@tsalliance.org

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Happy holidays! I’m writing you today with wonderful news that impacts everyone affected by tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC).

Over the past year, many of you worked tirelessly with the TS Alliance to secure increased funding for the TSC Research Program at the Department of Defense. We are truly excited to announce that just today the Defense Appropriations Bill passed by Congress includes $4.3 million for the DOD Tuberous Sclerosis Complex Research Program! Once signed by the President, this will represent a $1.1 million increase (34 percent) over last year’s funding level, and the largest yearly increase secured since the inception of the program five years ago.

THANK YOU! This increase would not be possible without the efforts of everyone who contacted their Senators and Representatives to urge them to support this legislation. Now is the time for you to contact them again to thank them for their vital support -- a short email or card is fine.

On behalf of the TS Alliance staff and Board of Directors, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Nancy Taylor, CEO
GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

UNDERSTANDING AND TREATING TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS COMPLEX
Participating Organizations
National Institutes of Health (NIH), (http://www.nih.gov/)
Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance (TS Alliance), (http://www.tsalliance.org)
Components of Participating Organizations
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), (http://www.ninds.nih.gov)
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), (http://www.niddk.nih.gov/)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), (http://www.nimh.nih.gov)
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), (http://www.niams.nih.gov)
National Cancer Institute (NCI), (http://www.nci.nih.gov)
Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): Not Applicable
Application Receipt Dates(s): Standard dates apply, please see
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm for details
Peer Review Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm for details
Council Review Date(s): Standard dates apply, please see
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm for details
Earliest Anticipated Start Date: April 2006
Additional Information To Be Available Date (Url Activation Date): Not Applicable
Expiration Date: March 2, 2008

RESEARCH ON AUTISM AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS (PA-04-085)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), (http://www.nimh.nih.gov)
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) (http://www.nidcd.nih.gov)
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) (http://www.nichd.nih.gov)
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), (http://www.ninds.nih.gov)
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) (http://www.niehs.nih.gov)
National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) (http://www.nih.gov/ninr)
The purpose of this Program Announcement is to encourage grant applications for the support of research
designed to elucidate the diagnosis, epidemiology, etiology, genetics, treatment, and optimal means of service
delivery in relation to Autistic Disorder ("autism") and autism spectrum disorders (Rett’s Disorder, Childhood
Disintegrative Disorder, Asperger’s Disorder, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not otherwise specified, or
"Atypical Autism").
This PA is meant to support the broad research goals of the Autism Research Matrix:

RESEARCH ON PSYCHOPATHOLOGY IN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (MENTAL RETARDATION) (PA-
01-028)
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), (http://www.nimh.nih.gov)
NIMH invites research grant applications for research designed to elucidate the epidemiology, etiology, treatment,
and prevention of mental disorders, including emotional and behavioral problems, in persons of any age with
intellectual disabilities (mental retardation). This announcement uses the term "intellectual disabilities” to
designate conditions that in the past have been referred to with the term “mental retardation”, thus these two
terms are to be understood as equivalent. For the complete Program Announcement:

NIH DIRECTOR’S PIONEER AWARD PROGRAM (DP1) (RFA-RM-06-005)
Letters Of Intent Receipt Dates: Not applicable
Application Receipt Date(s): February 27, 2006
NEW TSC PUBLICATIONS


CONFERENCES

March 9-10, 2005
PKD/TSC Research Workshop
Chicago, IL
More information coming soon!

March 9 – 11, 2006
American Society for Experimental Neurotherapeutics: Eighth Annual Meeting
Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC
Abstract deadline: January 6, 2006
For more information: ASENT Executive Office at 414-273-8290 or e-mail: info@asent.org

March 31 – April 2, 2006
LAM Foundation 2006 Research Conference
Hilton Netherlands Cincinnati Hotel
Cincinnati, OH
http://lam.uc.edu

CANCELLED! May 3-5, 2006
TSC International Research Conference 2006
Berlin, Germany
Due to financial concerns, this conference has been cancelled!

May 10-14, 2006
1st East Mediterranean Epilepsy Congress
Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
www.epilepsysharm2006.com

SAVE THE DATE! May 11-12, 2006
Hamartoma Syndromes and Insulin Signaling
Lister Hall, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD
More information coming soon!

July 2-6, 2006
7th European Congress of Epileptology
Helsinki Fair Centre, Helsinki, Finland
http://www.epilepsyhelsinki2006.org

July 8-12, 2006
UICC World Cancer Congress 2006
Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC
http://www.2006conferences.org/u-program.php

Submit abstracts to UICC 2006 through the official conference website at
http://2006.confex.com/2006/uicc/index_UICC.epi
All abstracts must be submitted electronically.

For more information about abstract submission, please see

SAVE THE DATE! July 14-16, 2006
National TSC Conference
Organized by the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance
Indian Lakes Resort
Chicago, Illinois
http://www.tsalliance.org

July 27-30, 2006
6th Asian & Oceanian Epilepsy Congress
Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
www.epilepsykualalumpur2006.org

August 2-4, 2006
10th European Conference on Epilepsy & Society
Copenhagen, Denmark
For more information: http://www.epilepsyandsociety.org

September 10-14, 2006
XXVIIIth International Congress of Clinical Neurophysiology
Edinburgh, UK
www.iccn2006.com

October 30 – November 2, 2006
World Congress on Autism
Cape Town, South Africa
Call for Papers closes 30th September 2005
Early Bird Registration Closes June 30th 2006
Please visit www.autismcongress.com

March 2007
NINDS Epilepsy Conference
Follow-up to 2000 Conference “Curing Epilepsy: Focus on the Future”
http://www.ninds.nih.gov

July 8-12, 2007
27th International Epilepsy Congress
Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Center
Singapore
For more information: www.epilepsycongress.org

NEWS


TSC INFORMATION

For information about TSC, visit the TS Alliance Web site at: http://www.tsalliance.org or contact the TS Alliance at info@tsalliance.org or by telephone: 1-800-225-6872 or 301-562-9890.