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## **DERMATOLOGY FOUNDATION - \$5.25 MILLION TO RESEARCH IN 2008**

At its 43rd Annual Meeting earlier this year in San Antonio, Texas the Dermatology Foundation announced its highest allocation of \$5.25 million to dermatologic research. Sixty-seven (67) individuals and projects have received funding effective July 1, 2008 as part of the Foundation's mission to advance patient care by supporting the early research efforts of the best and brightest emerging teachers and researchers in all areas of dermatology.

The Foundation continued its emphasis on supporting career development by providing \$55,000/year for up to three years to 39 investigators. The broad range of topics includes melanoma and other skin cancers, immunotherapies, elements of innate and adaptive immunity, tele-dermatology, aspects of skin structure and physiology, and the pathology and treatment of diseases such as scleroderma, psoriasis and atopic dermatitis. The Foundation also awarded 7 one-year fellowships and 21 project grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

The 2008 multi-year, career development awards (CDAs) are: 11 Physician-Scientist CDAs; 7 Medical Dermatology CDAs; 6 Clinical CDAs in Dermatologic Surgery; 2 Health Care Policy Clinical CDAs; 1 Women's Health Care CDA; 13 Research CDAs in basic science; 1 Psoriasis Research CDA, and 1 Science of Human Appearance CDA. One-year fellowships

awarded consist of 6 Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowships and 1 Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship. Single-year grants are: 7 Patient Directed Investigation Grants; 10 Basic Science Research Grants; 1 Dermopath Grant; and 3 Program Development Grants.

Total Dermatology Foundation support from individual dermatologists remained strong at \$3.2 million. Nearly 90% of these funds came primarily from members of the Annenberg Circle, Leaders Society and the Thomas B. Fitzpatrick Legacy Fund.

Corporate support and contributions from dermatologic societies totaled \$2.9 million. The greatest support from industry came from the following members of our Corporate Honor Society—those companies providing \$50,000 or more. Contributions of \$200,000 or more came from Galderma Laboratories; Medicis, the Dermatology Company; Ortho Neutrogena; Stiefel Laboratories, Inc.; and Unilever. Contributions of \$100,000 or more were given by: Abbott; Amgen Wyeth; Astellas Pharma US, Inc.; Dermik Laboratories, Inc.; Genentech, Inc.; and Mary Kay Inc. Contributions of \$50,000 were made by: Allergan Dermatology; Avon Products, Inc.; Centocor, Inc.; Coria Laboratories, Ltd.; Graceway Pharmaceuticals, LLC.; L’Oreal Recherche; and Skin Medica, Inc.

Significant support for dermatologic research also came from the American Academy of Dermatology; the American Society of Dermatopathology; DEBRA of America, Inc.; Society for Investigative Dermatology; Society for Pediatric Dermatology; and the Women’s Dermatologic Society.

*The Dermatology Foundation was created in 1964 and is the leading private funding source for skin disease research. It provides funding that helps develop and retain tomorrow’s teachers and researchers in dermatology and enables advancements in patient care. For a complete view of the Dermatology Foundation’s activities, programs and publications, please visit its website at [www.dermatologyfoundation.org](http://www.dermatologyfoundation.org).*

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