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Paul Allen Embarks on Term as 89th AAI President

On July 1, 2005, Paul M. Allen, Ph.D., (AAI '85) began his term as AAI President for the 2005-2006 year.

Dr. Allen is the Robert L. Kroc Professor of Pathology in the Department of Pathology & Immunology at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.

A native of Louisiana, Missouri, Allen earned B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Before joining the Washington University faculty in 1984, Dr. Allen

undertook postdoctoral training as a research fellow in the Department of Pathology at Boston's Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Allen has been an AAI member since 1985. He is a past member of the AAI Awards Committee and has served as an associate and section editor for *The Journal of Immunology* (*The JI*) and as a past AAI major symposium chair and speaker.

Joining Dr. Allen on Council during the 2005-2006 term are:

- Vice President Lewis L. Lanier, Ph.D. (AAI '80);
- Past President Susan L. Swain, Ph.D. (AAI '77);

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New AAI Travel Award to Honor Dr. Cynthia Chambers

The AAI Council recently approved a proposal from former colleagues and friends of the late Dr. Cynthia Chambers to establish a new AAI travel award in her memory. The award will support new investigators' participation in the annual AAI meeting. Dr. Chambers died in late 2004 following an extended illness.

The annual award will honor the memory of Dr. Chambers, an outstanding young member of the immunology research community. Tributes offered in the wake of her death conveyed Dr. Chambers' unique combination of creativity, determination, brilliance, and humor. She was regarded as a talented scientist and critical thinker who had enormous potential based on her prior successes in cancer-related research. She was also known as an uncommonly compassionate and giving person, intellectually and emotionally, who endeared herself to friends and colleagues with a blend of biting wit and love of things Canadian. Her death to cancer was an acutely tragic loss, coming as it did just as she was building her independence as a scientist.



Her many friends' enduring fidelity to her memory prompted the effort to establish an AAI award in Cynthia Chambers' honor. It is intended to celebrate and extend her boundless

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promise and to honor her inspiring example to students and colleagues of all that is good and worthy of accolade.

Award funding was secured by a generous gift from eBioscience and will allow for an annual award beginning with the 2006 AAI Annual Meeting in Boston (May 12-16). The award will go to new investigators involved in cancer-related research, reflecting Dr. Chambers' own career focus. AAI members who submit a cancer research related abstract to the AAI meeting would be eligible to apply.

Complete award details (eligibility, application requirements, forms, and deadlines) will appear in the coming weeks on the

AAI website (www.aai.org/awards) and in future issues of the *AAI Newsletter*.

Dr. Cynthia Chambers joined AAI in 2000. She taught for two years at the AAI-sponsored Advanced Immunology Course (2000-2001), was an *ad hoc* reviewer for *The Journal of Immunology (The JI)*, and was named to the AAI Program Committee in July 2004.

A tribute authored by two of Dr. Chambers' University of Massachusetts colleagues, Dr. Leslie Berg and Dr. Kenneth Rock, appeared in the February/March 2005 issue of the *AAI Newsletter* (see *In Memoriam*, page 12).

GRIP

Grant Review for Immunologists Program

Get a GRIP: An AAI program designed to help new investigators prepare their NIH grant proposals

AAI is pleased to offer a program to match new PI's with established PI's who have significant, successful grant writing careers. The Grant Review for Immunologists Program (GRIP) invites new PI's to submit an outline or NIH-style abstract to the GRIP coordinator who, with the assistance of a small volunteer subcommittee, will attempt to match the topic of the proposal with the research experience of an established PI. Matches will be made as quickly as possible to allow new PI's to meet up-coming NIH grant deadlines. Participation is strictly voluntary and is not intended to preclude internal mentoring programs.

GRIP is now accepting both new PI and established PI participants. Please send your CV and a brief description of either your potential research project (new PI's) or grant reviewing experience (established PI's) to infoaai@aai.org (please write 'GRIP' in the subject line). Program details appear on our website at www.aai.org.