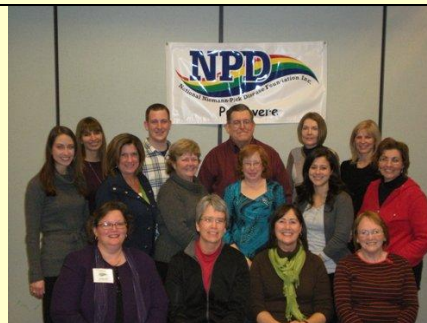


Update from the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation

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NNPDF Annual Meeting Held in Milwaukee



Members of the NNPDF's Board of Directors braved blizzards and other inclement weather to travel to Milwaukee for the foundation's 2011 Annual Meeting last month. The weekend was jam-packed with meetings of the board and committees, making the most of the opportunity to meet face-to-face.

Results of the work of 2010 were discussed and evaluated, and plans were laid for a very busy year ahead. Two new board members, Lauren Marocco, sister of Scott Marocco, NPC, 1986-2000, and Lisa Chavez, mother of Breann Chavez, NPC, 2003-2006, were welcomed to the board. Kathy Lane, board member representing ASMD (Type A and B) families, attended her first meeting in her new official capacity.

Visit the [NNPDF Web site's Meet the Board page](#) for more information about the NNPDF's dedicated leadership team, and we invite you to contact the [NNPDF Central Office](#) with any questions.

**Peter G. Pentchev Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
Applications Due May 1st**



The NNPDF is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2011 Peter G. Pentchev Postdoctoral Research Fellowships to study Niemann-Pick Disease. The fellowships provide support of \$50,000 per annum for two years and may be renewable based on performance. Applications are due May 1, and fellowships will begin September 1, 2011.

For further information, please visit http://www.nnpdf.org/npresearch_15.html or [contact the NNPDF](#).

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Research News



Dr. Daniel Ory, M.D., Washington University School of Medicine, and chair of the NNPf's Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), gave updates on the latest research into Niemann-Pick Disease Type C at the recent NNPf annual board meeting.

Dr. Ory reported that this is an exciting time for research, and he is optimistic about the future with strong research projects working to unlock the mysteries of NPD. Dr. Ory thanked the NNPf for its continuing support of the research which is so essential to finding effective treatments for NPD.

For a summary of Dr. Ory's updates and to learn more about research into Niemann-Pick Disease, please visit the NNPf's [Latest Research](#) page.



World Rare Disease Day Marked February 28



Did you know that an estimated 30 million Americans are affected by a rare disease?! Special challenges face those with a rare disease such as Niemann-Pick Disease, in getting diagnosed, gaining access to appropriate treatment, finding support resources, and in advancing essential research.

World Rare Disease Day was marked around the globe yesterday. Rare Disease Day is observed worldwide on the last day of February to raise awareness of rare diseases as a public health issue. Groups around the globe conducted advocacy, awareness and fundraising efforts in support of all those affected by a rare disease. Thank you to all who participated!

Thank you for your continued support in the fight against Niemann-Pick Disease!
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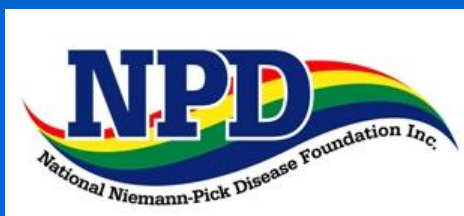
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