6th Ataxia Investigators Meeting

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3RD AIM - 2010
AIM HISTORY

Number of attendees


200 150 100 50 0
170 attendees from 12 countries on 4 continents
AIM HISTORY

Number of sponsors (other than NAF)

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INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION: 13

7 sponsors

6 registrants
AIM 2016 - GOALS
FROM BASIC SCIENCE TO CLINICAL THERAPEUTICS

1. Identify common disease mechanisms

2. Explore therapeutic strategies at the clinical and basic science levels

3. Help establish future leaders of ataxia research by facilitating the involvement of young investigators

4. Bring trainees into contact with ataxia patients and their families
GOAL 1: DISEASE MECHANISMS

Theme 1: Cerebellar Circuitry

Theme 2: The Biological basis of Cerebellar Degeneration

Theme 3: Genomic/Genetics Approaches to Cerebellar Function and Ataxia
GOAL 2: THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES

Theme 4: Translational Research

Theme 5: Drug Development & Clinical Trials

17/30 talks about therapy concepts!
HIGHLIGHT OF AIM & SATELLITE MEETINGS:

Clinical trial readiness

- Tools to select participants
- Outcome measures
- Natural history
- Mechanistic understanding
GOAL 3: ESTABLISH FUTURE LEADERS OF ATAXIA RESEARCH

✓ 18/30 lecturers junior investigator
✓ 69 posters presented

Megan Keiser, CHOP
Jill Friedrich, UMN
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✓ 12 "hot chairs"
GOAL 4: BRING TRAINEES INTO CONTACT WITH PATIENTS

✓ Thursday dinner speakers patients & families

✓ Poster session for patients & families
WHAT REALLY HAPPENS

We learn to speak each other's language
WHAT REALLY HAPPENS

We shape each other’s research

It Takes a Village to raise a scientist...
HOW YOU CAN HELP

• Coordination of Rare Diseases at Sanford (CoRDS) registry
• ClinicalTrials.gov
• NAF website:
  http://www.ataxia.org/about/how-you-can-help.aspx
FUTURE: 7TH AIM

April 2-5, 2018
Philadelphia, PA
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