The IDSA Education and Research Foundation (ERF) is dedicated to improving the health of individuals, communities, and societies by promoting excellence in patient care, education, research, public health, and prevention related to infectious diseases. Through donations to the Foundation, IDSA is able to support a wide-range of awards, fellowships, and scholarships designed to enhance the research and educational development of young investigators and fellows focusing on infectious diseases, as well as attracting the best and brightest medical students to the field. Your generous donations directly support these opportunities for vital research, career development, and the further exploration of infectious diseases across the world.

2012 Foundation Programs:

- Center for Global Health Policy
- Medical Scholars Program
- IDSA ERF/ NFID Joint Research Awards
- International AIDS 2012 Conference Travel Grants
- National Network for Immunization Information
- Foundation Contributors
- Minority Clinical Fellowship

It was a great honor and privilege to serve as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the IDSA Education and Research Foundation during the period covered by the inaugural annual report. The IDSA Education and Research Foundation 2012 Annual Report serves to highlight the many achievements of the Foundation and made possible by the generous contributions of supporters.

In 2012, the Foundation seized the opportunity to participate and engage with the infectious diseases community at AIDS 2012 held in Washington, DC through the provision of 15 travel grants to fellows-in-training and the Community and Science Speak networking zone. The Center for Global Health Policy continued its valuable and important resource; Science Speaks, in addition to informing U.S. policymakers about HIV and tuberculosis in developing countries.

2012 also witnessed the continued strengthening of the many valuable educational initiatives supported by the Foundation such as the Minority Clinical Fellowship, Medical Scholars Program and the Joint Research Awards. The Foundation also continued its long-running support of the vital work of the National Network for Immunization Information.

I am excited about for the future of the Foundation. It is through the generous contributions of IDSA members, other foundations, and corporate supporters that the Foundation is able to continue its important work. We thank you for your support and hope you find the annual report informative and inspiring.

Best regards,

James M. Hughes, MD
Chair, Board of Trustees, IDSA Education and Research Foundation, 2012
IDSA Center for Global Health Policy

The Mission
The Center for Global Health Policy works to support and promote U.S. efforts to combat HIV/AIDS and TB around the world. The Center provides scientific and policy information to lawmakers, federal agencies, the administration, NGOs and the news media. The Center’s efforts aim to ensure that key decision-makers have access to solid, evidence-based input and guidance from IDSA/HIVMA physician-scientists and other professional colleagues from both developed and developing countries.

Notable Activities in 2012

International AIDS 2012 Conference
The Center organized the “Community and Science Speak” networking zone, which featured two and a half days of programming led by expert clinician scientist members partnered with community advocates to discuss topics ranging from “cure” research to clinical management of HIV and hepatitis C virus infection. Physician participants included Mike Saag, Michael Horberg, Steve Deeks, Sten Vermund, Paul Volberding, Veronica Miller, Jerry Friedland, and Carlos del Rio.

Science Speaks Blog
Science Speaks sciencespeaksblog.org features thoughts, news and analysis from the staff of the Center on the latest developments in tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS. With over 1,200 posts published and nearly 600 subscribers who receive daily emails about new posts, Science Speaks has become a valuable resource to physician scientists, advocates, program implementers and administration officials alike for keeping up with latest news on scientific breakthroughs, policy and budget issues, and more.

2012 Medical Scholars Program
An important part of IDSA’s mission is to promote the subspecialty of infectious diseases by attracting the best and brightest medical students to the field. To further this goal, the IDSA Education and Research Foundation offers scholarships to medical students in U.S. medical schools with mentorship by an IDSA member or fellow. It is the responsibility of IDSA members and fellows to identify and solicit interested students.

A total of 60 scholarships are awarded each year. Each scholarship recipient will receive $2,000: $1,500 to be disbursed in April/May, with the remaining $500 awarded at the conclusion of the project and submission of a final report to IDSA.

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IDSAERF/NFID Joint Research Awards

Merle A. Sande/Pfizer Fellowship Award in International Diseases

John Szumowski, MD, MPH, an infectious diseases fellow at the University of Washington, is the 2012 recipient of the Merle A. Sande/Pfizer Fellowship Award in International Infectious Diseases. This award is intended to encourage young physicians who are interested in international medicine, and is given for important clinical research conducted in a resource-limited setting and relating to infectious complications of HIV.

Dr. Szumowski received his medical and public health degrees from Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health in 2007. He completed residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in 2010. As a third year infectious diseases fellow at the University of Washington, he has completed his clinical training and continues to maintain an HIV clinic, while doing research with Drs. Lalita Ramakrishnan at the University of Washington and William Bishai at Kwazulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV.

ASP-IDSA Young Investigator Award in Geriatrics

David van Duin, MD, PhD, a staff physician in the Infectious Diseases Department at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, is the recipient of the 2012 Association of Specialty Professors-IDSA Young Investigator Award in Geriatrics. This award provides support to infectious diseases faculty within the first four years of appointment who are interested in pursuing a career in geriatric medicine aspects of the subspecialty.

Recipients of this award must develop and implement a basic, clinical, or health services research project encompassing the geriatric aspects of infectious diseases. Dr. van Duin earned his medical degree from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands in 1999. In 2007, he was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in investigative medicine from Yale University. He was a post-doctoral fellow at Yale School of Medicine and had his residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Jacobi Medical Center.

AIDS 2012 Travel Grants

The AIDS 2012 Travel Grants helped U.S.-based fellows-in-training and residents attend the IAS 2012 conference in Washington, D.C. A $2,500 travel stipend was awarded to young investigators who had abstracts accepted to AIDS 2012.

Dorothy Dow, MD – Duke University
Paul Drain, MD, MPH – Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women’s Hospital Harvard Medical School
Ahizechukwu Eke, MD, MPH – Washington University at St. Louis
Uriel Felsen, MD, MPH – Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Conventiore Medical Center
Harleen Gakhar, MD – Stanford University
Theodoros Kelesidis, MD – Ronald Reagan University of California of Los Angeles, Medical Center
Matthew Leahy, PhD – Children’s Medical Center Dallas
Kayvon Modjarrad, MD, PhD – Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Lee Morris, MD, MSPH – Mount Sinai Kravis Children’s Hospital
Heather Paulin, MD – Vanderbilt University
Sarah E. Rowan, MD – University of Colorado Denver
Janaki Shah, MD – Medical College of Wisconsin
Nirav Shah, MD, MPH – Northwestern Medical Faculty Foundation
Rana Traboulsi, MD – University Hospitals Case Medical Center
Michael J. Vinikoor, MD – Center of Infectious Diseases, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The Foundation provided $25,000 in funding to NNii.

The National Network for Immunization Information (NNii) provides up-to-date, science-based information to health care professionals, the media, and the public: everyone who needs to know the facts about vaccines and immunization.

In 2012, NNii’s major new effort the Twitter Pilot Project aimed to develop tools to quickly identify, quantify, and track, in real time, conversations about vaccines and vaccine safety taking place on Twitter. The information gathered will allow NNii to develop strategies that will counter some of the misinformation that has been circulating for years on the Web, but is now circulating through social media channels.

Minority Clinical Fellowship

The Minority Clinical Fellowship program (MCF) supports African American and Latino physicians with gaining HIV clinical experience working with medically underserved patient populations and provides a training pathway in HIV medicine for physicians trained outside the field of infectious diseases. Now in its seventh year, the program has supported 14 physicians in pursuing careers in HIV medicine.

Alisson Sombredero, MD
University of California
San Francisco, CA
East Bay AIDS Center in Oakland, CA
Mentors: Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH and Christopher Hall, MD
Dr. Sombredero earned her medical degree from the Universidad de la Sabana School of Medicine in Bogota, Colombia and completed a clinical internship in HIV medicine in Spain. She returned to Colombia and served as a physician in the rural communities of Tumaco and Cali. Dr. Sombredero completed her residency training program at Highland Hospital in Oakland, California. Her fellowship will take place at the University of California in San Francisco and East Bay AIDS Center in Oakland, California.

Natasha Travis, MD
Ponce De Leon Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital
Atlanta, GA
Mentors: David Malebranche, MD and Wendy Armstrong, MD
A graduate of Loyola University in Chicago with a degree in biology, Dr. Travis served a term with the Wisconsin HIV Community Planning Network’s Statewide Action Planning Group and helped spearhead the creation of the first annual HIV Testing Day event in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She earned her medical degree from Rush University College of Medicine. Her fellowship will take place at Emory University, the Ponce De Leon Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

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Minority Clinical Fellowships were supported with unrestricted grants from Gilead Sciences and Janssen Therapeutics.

Up to two fellowships are awarded each year, each fellow receives a $60,000 stipend plus fringe benefits for one-year.

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