NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Uganda: how goes the nodding syndrome war?

The establishment of the African Academy of Neurology

New orientation for China’s health assistance to Africa

EVENTS

68th AAN Annual Meeting, April 15 through April 21, 2016, Vancouver, BC, Canada
Hotel deadline: February 24, 2016
Early registration deadline: March 24, 2016
https://www.aan.com/conferences/2016-annual-meeting/home

22nd Pan African Association of Neurological Sciences Congress, June 5 through June 8, 2016, Kampala, Uganda
Abstract submission deadline: February 29, 2016
OPPORTUNITIES

**Online Course: Awareness of Hansen’s Disease in the United States: Basic Diagnosis, Treatment, and Management of Complications**

This online course presented by the National Hansen’s Disease Programs is designed to increase health care providers’ awareness of this unique and misunderstood disease.

Although Hansen’s disease (HD), more commonly known as leprosy, is not a common infectious disease, it has not been eradicated from the U.S. population. HD is endemic in the U.S., particularly in the Gulf Coast region, with 100 to 150 new cases diagnosed each year.

Fifty years ago, cases were detected in the port cities and the Gulf Coast region. These patients with the disease were institutionalized to the Gillis W. Long Hansen’s Disease Center, located in Carville, Louisiana. Today, however, this is no longer the case and they are no longer institutionalized. HD is primarily treated on an outpatient basis and more cases are being detected in the heartland of the country. This fact increases the likelihood that those in the general medical community may encounter one or more cases of HD and find this information useful in the detection and management of the disease.


**Global Noncommunicable Diseases and Injury across the Lifespan: Exploratory Research (R21) - NIH Fogarty International Center**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement supports planning, design, and initial pilots for locally relevant and catalytic research on noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) or injury in low and middle-income countries (LMICs). Research addressing multiple NCDs and their risk factors and research addressing NCDs as comorbidities for or with infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS, is encouraged. Scientists in the US or upper and middle-income countries (UMICs) are eligible to partner with scientists in LMIC institutions. Pilot activities and research are expected to inform the development of more comprehensive research programs that contribute to the long-term goals of building sustainable research capacity in LMICs to address NCDs and injury throughout life and to lead to diagnostics, prevention, treatment, and implementation strategies.

Letter of intent deadline: January 24, 2016
Application deadline: February 24, 2016


**International Research Scientist Development Award**

The International Research Scientist Development Award provides support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral (at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) US research scientists for an intensive, mentored research career development experience leading to an independent research career focused on global health.
The experience will be in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC) as defined by the World Bank. Low-income, lower-middle-income, and upper-middle-income countries are included.

Applications are invited from early career investigators from any health-related discipline who propose career development activities and a research project that is related to the health priorities of the LMIC.

Application deadline: March 2, 2016


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