



FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

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Dear Colleague:

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) continues to play an extraordinary role throughout the United States and around the world in providing up-to-date information on diseases, health conditions, drugs, treatment options and healthy living advice. The NLM's wealth of information and knowledge are available on-line, 24 hours a day, to researchers and consumers throughout the world. Services such as Medline, PubMed, MeSH, and the Emergency Access Initiative make this possible. MedlinePlus is also a magazine distributed quarterly to physicians' offices, and consumers, that features a specific disease of condition in each edition. The Friends of the NLM make possible increased distribution of the magazine, beyond that which NIH underwrites.

Thank you for affirming the importance of the NLM by supporting the Friends of the National Library of Medicine (FNLM) advocacy on its behalf. Your gift supports our effort to ensure the Library's capacity to serve you and thousands of others in measurable ways. Today, I invite you to renew your support for the coming 2018 year.

2017 Highlights include:

June 14-15, 2017

The FNLM and NLM co-sponsored conference, Consequential Clinical Research: Accelerating Continuous Improvement, discussed ways to accelerate clinical research response to existing and emerging public health needs, highlight positive strategies to achieve trustworthy results and significant quality improvement in clinical research studies. The constructive and practical messages should benefit producers as well as users of clinical research discoveries.

The NIH National Library of Medicine has major opportunities and responsibilities in supporting clinical research with state-of-the-art information. The Friends of the National Library of Medicine is committed to supporting this mission in close collaboration with academia and industry.

The speakers and audience included NIH leaders, industry executives, editors of major scientific journals and prominent scientists. Similarly, to the previous year's conference, results of the discussion are available through video recording and various popular and scientific publications.

September 11, 2017

The Lindberg/King Lecture Series co-sponsored by NLM, FNLM and AMIA featured guest speaker France Anne-Dominic Cordova, PhD, director of the National Science Foundation. The endowed lectureship series provides a forum to bring important insights about the history, current state, and future prospects for advances in medical informatics and pathobiology to a broad scientific and public audience.

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June 10, 2017

On behalf of the NLM, the FNLM was a sponsor in the National Contest for the National History Day. National History Day frames students' research within a historical theme. The theme is chosen for the broad application to world, national, or state history and its relevance to ancient history or to the more recent past. The 2017 theme was *Conflict and Compromise in History*. The intentional selection of the theme for NHD is to provide an opportunity for students to push past the antiquated view of history as mere facts and dates and drill down into historical content to develop perspective and understanding.

Our 2018 plans include:

2018 FNLM Awards Gala

The 2018 FNLM Awards Gala are already underway. Please save the date of September 25, 2018 - we hope to see you there!

June 13-14, 2018

Planning is well underway for our FNLM and NLM co-sponsored Conference: **Data Science Innovation at The Intersection of Biomedical Research, the Library, and Data Science**, which will be held at the National Library of Medicine.

Biomedical research is increasingly data intensive and intertwined with data science. As the largest provider of digital information services used by scientists, health professionals and members of the public worldwide, the NLM's role is ever more critical to the future of biomedical research. NLM's concept of "a push library" is one that proactively engages, breaks new ground and redefines its role in the 21st century.

Our conference will bring key stakeholders including researchers, government, industry, publishers and health care consumer representatives, together to provide a forum for presentations and discussions around: supporting data sharing, the changing role of journals and peer review, use of "FAIR" (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) data sets, trends in mining big data to yield knowledge, opportunities for trans-NIH data science activities, and more. The constructive and practical outcomes will benefit producers as well as users of scientific discoveries.

It is my sincere hope that we can count on your continued support of the Friends of the National Library of Medicine. Together, we can ensure that the Friends are well resourced to continue its support of the NLM.

Please renew your support for the Friends of the National Library of Medicine by completing the enclosed contribution form and returning it in the envelope provided. You may also renew online at <http://www.fnlm.org/joinfriends.php> or by telephoning 202-679-9930.

Thank you very much.

With gratitude for your commitment.



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