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On behalf of the Eastern Section of the American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR), I would like to extend an invitation to the Industry and Nonprofit Organizations for supporting our Eastern Region Meeting on March 30, 2019 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Established in 1940, the AFMR is a multi-disciplinary association of medical scientists engaged in all areas of biomedical and patient-oriented research, from the laboratory, to translational to clinical. **AFMR's mission is to "develop and mentor tomorrow's leaders in medical research"** with the goals to: 1) foster excellence in training and successful development of medical investigators; 2) disseminate scholarly, multidisciplinary, ethical research on human disease and health care delivery; and 3) educate public and government leaders about medical research and the importance of its support.

The Eastern Region Council organizes every year a Conference renowned for its outstanding oral presentations and posters of peer-reviewed abstracts from diverse disciplines including Rheumatology, Immunology, Pulmonary Medicine, Critical Care, Endocrinology and Metabolism, Oncology, Cardiology, Pediatrics, Telemedicine and many others. An accomplished AFMR leader will present a Keynote Lecture and there will be an invited afternoon Symposium. In addition, we will offer breakfast round table workshops dedicated for career development and promotion, grant writing and funding strategies. We strive to provide an excellent forum for collaborating, networking and sharing emerging original multidisciplinary views.

We encourage your support for the AFMR Awards that will be used to defray travel costs for abstract presenters and provide an honorarium to the invited speakers. Specifically, the **AFMR is requesting a contribution of \$2,000-\$5,000**, though we will gratefully accept other amounts, to be distributed as follows:

- \$1000 to invited speakers
- \$250 to the presenters of the top-rated oral presentations based on the abstract scores from peer-review.

Following are the benefits for supporting this program:

- Company-named program, noted on ribbons and award certificates
- Acknowledgement in the onsite program, signage and AFMR.org/Eastern
- Recognition of company representative(s) that attend the meeting

We welcome your contribution that will enable the AFMR to continue its mission for fostering the next-generation of biomedical investigators and promote exceptional state-of-the-art science dissemination at the Eastern Region Meeting. Kindly contact Elissa Klein at the AFMR Administrative Offices to facilitate this opportunity: admin@afmr.org

Thank you for your support!



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