On September 30, UCI MIND, in collaboration with Alzheimer’s Orange County (AOC), hosted the 27th Annual Southern California Alzheimer’s Disease Research Conference. Over 400 community members, health care professionals, and local senior service organizations gathered at the Irvine Marriott Hotel to learn the latest developments in dementia research and clinical care from some of the field’s most prominent experts. This year’s theme, Advances in Dementia Research Across Unique Populations, explored the clinical presentation of various causes of dementia, the diverse experiences of dementia caregivers, and the distinctive risks associated with Down syndrome, living past age 90, and repetitive head trauma.

After opening remarks from UCI MIND Co-Directors, Drs. Frank LaFerla and Joshua Grill, and AOC CEO, Jim McAleer, Dr. Tiffany Chow from the USC Alzheimer’s Therapeutic Research Institute delivered a presentation on the differential diagnosis of dementia, including a practical algorithm for physicians to distinguish among frontotemporal dementia (FTD), Lewy body dementia (LBD), and Alzheimer’s disease (AD). Drs. Howard Rosen from UCSF and Neill Graff-Radford from the Mayo Clinic then delved further into the clinical presentations of FTD and LBD, respectively. The clinician researchers utilized engaging videos and case examples to illustrate the symptomatic characteristics of these unique forms of dementia.

A moving portion of the conference was the dementia caregiver panel, consisting of the adult daughter of a mother with AD, the wife of a husband with FTD, the wife of a late husband with LBD, and the mother of a late daughter with Down syndrome and AD. Although each story was unique, the caregivers shared similar challenges in acquiring an accurate diagnosis. Each caregiver noted the importance of a strong support system, whether it be family, a local care organization, or a research center.

Following the caregiver panel, Dr. Ira Lott, Director of the UCI MIND Down Syndrome Program, discussed the well-established association between Down syndrome and AD. Because essentially all individuals with Down syndrome develop the key pathological features of AD – amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles – by the age of 40, this population presents a unique area of study for dementia researchers. The oldest-old (people age 90 and older) and victims of repetitive head trauma, such as professional athletes, are also unique populations of interest. Experts in these two areas, UCI MIND’s Dr. Maria Corrada and Dr. Charles Bernick from the Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health, concluded the conference with compelling findings from their longitudinal research projects, The 90+ Study and the Professional Fighters Brain Health study.

The conference would not have been possible without the over 40 local organizations that sponsored and attended, including our Emerald Sponsor, Chatterton & Associates: The Wealth Management Team, Inc., and our Sapphire Sponsors, Sanctuary Hospice, Syrentis Clinical Research, The Groves of Tustin Senior Living, Your Home Care, and Scan Health Plan.

UCI MIND extends gratitude to all who helped make the 2016 conference an incredible success. Save the date for the 28th Annual Southern California Alzheimer’s Disease Research Conference on September 22, 2017!
Dear Friends of UCI MIND,

As 2016 winds to an end, we look back at an exciting year at UCI MIND and in the field of neurodegenerative disease research. We had a tremendous calendar of events this year, with distinguished lecturers visiting from other leading institutions across the country. UCI MIND faculty were invited to speak all over the world, including six faculty traveling to Israel to participate in a research symposium at Tel Aviv University (Summer 2016). UCI MIND faculty also received numerous awards and important grants to move our science closer to a world where memories last a lifetime.

More importantly, we are prepared to move the field forward with our critical work in 2017. New and exciting clinical trials are underway (see page 3) and more are set to launch in the new year. We are particularly excited to see UCI MIND basic science findings translated into clinical studies, such as the EXERT clinical trial for which the Institute’s Founding Director, Dr. Carl Cotman, is the national co-Principal Investigator. We will continue to increase the scope of our science, especially within our longitudinal cohort studies, where our esteemed clinician scientists, Drs. Aimee Pierce, Ira Lott, and Claudia Kawas, partner with research participants to add new clinical, cognitive, and biomarker tests to improve our understanding of brain aging and memory impairment.

We are at a critical juncture in the history of Alzheimer’s disease research and hope to someday look back at this time as the dawn of improved treatments, capable of slowing disease, preventing severe dementia or even preventing memory problems entirely. We will only accomplish this goal with the support of friends of UCI MIND, like the Melin and Naeve families (page 4), HCP, Inc. (page 7), and the generous donors who are listed in this newsletter (pages 5-7). We are honored to work closely with all of you. Together we will achieve our mission to make memories last a lifetime. From our UCI MIND family to yours, Happy Holidays.

On June 1, Ruth Benca, MD, PhD, joined UCI as Professor and Chair of Psychiatry and Human Behavior in the School of Medicine. UCI MIND is pleased to welcome Dr. Benca as an Institute faculty member. Dr. Benca, a renowned sleep medicine expert, joins UCI after a highly productive and successful tenure at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she served as Director for the University of Wisconsin Center for Sleep Medicine and Sleep Research and as Medical Director for Wisconsin Sleep, where she treated patients with a broad range of sleep disorders. Dr. Benca’s research focuses on the relationship between sleep and brain health, and her most recent work has demonstrated links between sleep and Alzheimer’s disease pathophysiology. Learn more about Dr. Benca’s research at the 23rd Annual UC Irvine Distinguished Lecture Series on Brain, Learning, and Memory on February 7, 2017. Register online: www.mind.ucl.edu/community/events/lectureseries

Dr. Charles Limoli Discovers Link Between Cosmic Radiation and Cognitive Impairment

It is well documented that astronauts are subject to cosmic radiation during space exploration, but the long-term effects of such exposure are less understood. Charles Limoli, PhD, Professor of Radiation Oncology and UCI MIND faculty member, and his team recently published a new study in Nature Scientific Reports demonstrating a relationship between radiation exposure and persistent cognitive impairment in rodents. For the study, Dr. Limoli partnered with NASA’s Space Radiation Laboratory to expose rodents to charged particle irradiation and test for subsequent brain damage. Neurons showed inflammation and reduced dendrites and spines, disrupting signaling of the neural network. This brain damage was evident even six months after exposure. For astronauts exposed to similar radiation for several years, this damage could result in impaired cognition, memory deficits, and mood disorders long after their trip is complete. Dr. Limoli is continuing his partnership with NASA to develop protective measures against these damaging rays. Read the full paper: www.nature.com/articles/srep34774
ADUCANUMAB: A CALL FOR CAUTIOUS ENTHUSIASM
Aimee Pierce, MD & Joshua Grill, PhD

On September 1, the prestigious scientific journal, Nature, published the results of a Phase Ib clinical trial of the human monoclonal antibody against the beta amyloid protein, aducanumab. The publication, and the study results it described, generated incredible media attention, lauding the new medication as a possible “cure” that “halted Alzheimer’s disease progression.” To be sure, the results are among the most exciting the field has seen.

Aducanumab treatment resulted in a dose-related reduction in amyloid plaques in the brains of patients with mild Alzheimer’s dementia or Mild Cognitive Impairment due to Alzheimer’s disease, compared to placebo. The observation that a treatment could affect the biology of Alzheimer’s disease was not first-of-its-kind, but the size of the effect was. Especially at higher doses, aducanumab appeared to sizably reduce amyloid plaque burden in the brain. At these higher doses, however, the drug was also associated with a safety profile that will require further examination. At the two highest doses, 6 and 10 mg/kg, 37% and 41% of participants, respectively, developed brain edema (swelling) that could be observed on MRI but most commonly did not cause symptoms or require stopping the medication.

Perhaps the aspect of the study that garnered the most headlines was the observation that the drug seemed to reduce the rate of symptom progression of disease, again, in a dose-related manner. In this regard, however, pause is necessary. Though the study was large for Phase I, it was not large enough nor was it intended to assess effects on symptoms (clinical efficacy). This along with continued examination of drug safety will be necessary.

A more thorough investigation is underway, in the form of a very large Phase III clinical trial, designed to test the efficacy of aducanumab in early Alzheimer’s disease. UCI MIND is actively enrolling interested participants in this exciting clinical trial, the EMERGE Study.

The EMERGE Study is a global clinical research study assessing the efficacy and safety of an investigational medication, to determine whether it can slow the progression of symptoms in early Alzheimer’s disease. There are currently no approved treatments that delay memory loss and progression of disability in Alzheimer’s disease. You may be able to take part in the EMERGE Study if you:

- Are 50 to 85 years of age
- Are experiencing symptoms that might be related to early Alzheimer’s disease, such as problems with memory or thinking clearly
- Have someone who can be your study partner to accompany you to certain appointments and provide information about your health

If eligible, all study medication, examinations, and medical care related to the study will be provided at no cost to you. Reasonable compensation for time and travel may be provided. If you are eligible for the treatment phase, you will receive placebo or the investigational medication and have 32 visits over the course of up to 78 weeks. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about taking part in the EMERGE Study, and helping us to research and advance a potential treatment option for early Alzheimer’s disease, please contact our team.

SEEKING OLDER ADULTS FOR AN EXERCISE STUDY AT UC IRVINE

Dr. Aimee Pierce at the University of California, Irvine is currently conducting a clinical research study to test the effects of exercise on improving cognition in older adults who have been diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI). You are eligible to participate if you:

- Are 65 to 89 years of age
- Have a clinical diagnosis of MCI
- Have a study partner who can accompany you to required study visits
- Do not currently exercise
- Do not take insulin to control diabetes
- Have reliable transportation to Costa Mesa or Huntington Beach

Once enrolled, participants must be willing and able to come to the UCI campus for 7 clinic visits and engage in a supervised exercise program 4 times per week for 18 months at the Newport Mesa YMCA or the Huntington Beach Family YMCA. You will receive an 18-month membership to the YMCA along with a personal trainer who will oversee your exercise for the first 12 months. You may be eligible to receive up to $500 for your participation. For more information please contact our clinical trials study team at 949.824.0008.
THE STORY OF SPUD & SUZY MELIN: A LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO UCI MIND

In 1989, Spud and Suzy Melin’s family physician referred them to Dr. Carl Cotman and his team at UCI MIND hoping to identify the cause of the puzzling memory and behavior problems that troubled Arthur “Spud” Melin. When Spud and his wife Suzy learned the devastating news that his symptoms were characteristic of Alzheimer’s disease, Spud was in his early 60’s and enjoying his retirement. Eager to help researchers gain a better understanding of his illness, Spud and Suzy decided to participate in UCI MIND’s longitudinal study. And so, their bond with UCI MIND began.

Before then, Spud and Suzy were living a life of adventure. Spud co-founded the toy company Wham-O, which brought the joy and fun of the Frisbee and Hula Hoop to tens of millions of people around the world. Suzy was closely involved in promoting the company, partnering with her exceptionally creative and business-savvy husband who introduced new toys and sports since the mid-century.

Though the diagnosis and course of the disease were very difficult for the Melins, they continued to visit UCI MIND for thirteen years to help increase scientific knowledge of Alzheimer’s disease. At the same time, Suzy participated in caregiver support groups and was committed to helping others better understand how to cope with the illness. When Spud died in 2002, the Melin family donated his brain to research and UCI MIND neuropathologists confirmed his diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease.

Since Spud’s passing, Suzy has maintained strong ties with UCI MIND by becoming a research participant herself in the Successful Aging Program. She too has decided to donate her brain when she passes, with the hope that her participation in research will benefit society as well as her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in the future.

Suzy is also philanthropically engaged and has donated generously to UCI MIND over the years. She recently contributed funds to launch the Suzy and Spud Melin Family Endowment.

With a special bond spanning 27 years, Suzy Melin stands out as a loyal friend of UCI MIND, a friend who inspires our investigators and helps make our research efforts possible. If the Melin’s story inspires you, you too can be a friend of UCI MIND. Please use the envelope in this newsletter to send your gift in any amount.

Eat, Drink, and Be Giving!

On September 18, Leadership Council member Virginia Naeve and her husband Bob (pictured to the right) opened their beautiful home and one-of-a-kind garden to host a Wine & Cheese Kickoff event benefiting UCI MIND’s upcoming A December to Remember gala. Researchers and guests donated fine wines to be presented as auction items for this year’s gala. Co-Directors, Drs. Frank LaFerla and Joshua Grill, and Medical Director, Dr. Aimee Pierce, discussed the latest scientific efforts at UCI MIND and the importance of philanthropy to expand these efforts and take research to the next level.

Events such as these give donors the unique opportunity to meet with our dedicated faculty and staff and learn one-on-one about the current and future states of Alzheimer’s disease research. To learn more, join researchers and friends of UCI MIND for A December to Remember gala on December 3. Tickets are available online: gala.mind.uci.edu.
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