UCB AND INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE WORKING GROUP AWARD $200,000 IN RESEARCH GRANTS TO GASTROENTEROLOGY FELLOWS

ATLANTA – May 3, 2010 – UCB and the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Working Group (IBDWG) today announced the five recipients of the 2010 Research Awards in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) for Gastroenterology (GI) Fellows, each of whom will receive a one-year $40,000 research grant for their original clinical or basic research. The recipients were selected by the IBDWG Steering Committee and the awards were funded by a grant from UCB, Inc. A reception honoring the recipients will be held at the 2010 Digestive Disease Week meeting in New Orleans.

“This award is tremendously important in supporting the gastroenterology community and furthering critical IBD research,” said David Rubin, M.D., IBDWG Steering Committee member and Co-chair of the Awards Program and Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Chicago. “The award was created to foster enthusiasm and drive interest in the field and ultimately pave the way for better patient care.”

The Research Awards in Inflammatory Bowel Disease for GI Fellows was established in December 2008 to promote important scientific research in the field of gastroenterology. Recipients of the awards were considered based on the novelty, feasibility and significance of their proposals, as well as their commitment to an academic career, their record and commitment of their mentor and the institutional and research environment.

The 2010 recipients include:

Michael Rothenberg, GI Fellow at Stanford University Medical Center, (Palo Alto, CA):
- Research entitled: Prospective Characterization of Colon Stem and Progenitor Responses in Health and Colitis

Ryan Stidham, GI Fellow at University of Michigan School of Medicine, (Ann Arbor, MI):
- Research entitled: Investigating Ultrasound Elasticity Imaging in Assessment of Intestinal Fibrosis in Crohn’s Disease

Hamed Khalili, GI Fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital, (Boston, MA):
- Research entitled: A Prospective Cohort Study of Early Life Factors in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Daniel Hampton, GI Fellow at Duke University Medical Clinic, (Durham, NC):
- Research entitled: Epigenetic changes to imprinted and non-imprinted genes contribute to disease pathogenesis in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)
Lindsay Robison, GI Fellow at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, (Birmingham, AL):
  • Research entitled: Family Planning Issues in IBD: Perspective of Patient and Partner

“UCB is committed to providing meaningful medicines, resources and programs to people on the front lines of inflammatory bowel disease – those who research, those who treat patients and, most importantly, the patients who manage the disease daily,” said David Robinson, vice president and general manager of UCB’s Immunology Business Unit. “We are honored to support the efforts of future gastroenterology thought leaders and to contribute to exciting new research in IBD.”

Following one year of research, each award recipient will submit a report summarizing the work conducted to date. These reports will be reviewed by the co-chairs of the IBDWG Steering Committee and the two most exemplary research projects in the basic science and in the clinical research categories will be selected for the Outstanding GI Fellow Researcher Award.

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About Inflammatory Bowel Disease Working Group (IBDWG)
The mission of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Working Group (IBDWG) (Formerly known as the Crohn’s Disease Working Group) is to provide a forum for the education of healthcare professionals through the development and exchange of high-quality evidence-based materials which are easily accessible and which aim to improve the quality-of-life of patients with Crohn’s Disease.

About UCB
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