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### **Future Research Grants a Major Focus of Hydrocephalus Research Conference** *Top Researchers & Scientists lead discussion for future RFA*

**Seattle, WA.** – The Rudi Schulte Research Institute (RSRI), a private hydrocephalus research enterprise, and the Hydrocephalus Association (HA) are partnering to release a Request for Applications (RFA) later this fall for funding of a promising facet of hydrocephalus research based on the findings of a landmark conference being held in Seattle in July.

“We are excited about the conference agenda and potential for funding meaningful research that will advance the understanding and treatment of hydrocephalus” said Dr. Gordon McComb, a director of the Rudi Schulte Research Institute. “A gathering of such an esteemed group of researchers should yield promising results on which to focus our research investments.”

Basic scientists, clinician researchers, NIH representatives, patient advocates, and representatives from biomedical device manufacturers from across the globe will converge in Seattle, Washington, from July 9 – 11, 2012, to draw greater attention to the need for more research on hydrocephalus, a condition where an abnormal amount of cerebrospinal fluid accumulates in ventricles of the brain.

Following the priority setting discussions of the conference, RSRI and HA will produce an RFA to support a multi-year research effort targeting at the most effective science discussed at the conference. HA will leverage its established Scientific and Medical Review Committee to execute a peer review and ranking of the applications for the RFA. The Rudi Schulte Research Institute plans to expend between \$50,000 and \$250,000 per year to conduct the research with the top applicant.

The Hydrocephalus Association is cohosting this strategic conference entitled *Opportunities in Hydrocephalus Research: Pathways to Better Outcomes*, which is designed to bring together the pre-eminent researchers and clinicians in the hydrocephalus community in an effort to advance research on the condition. The conference will showcase presentations from the leading scientists working in the field, updating participants on the latest innovations and findings going on in research on hydrocephalus, and engaging them in a dialogue to strategize about where the next great breakthroughs will come. The focus will be on research with the highest chance to impact clinical care.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and registration information may be found at <http://hydroresearchconf.org>.

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### CONFERENCE DETAILS:

**When:** July 9 – 11, 2012

**Where:** The Westin Seattle Hotel  
1900 5th Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101, United States  
Phone: (206) 728-1000

**What:** *Opportunities in Hydrocephalus Research: Pathways to Better Outcomes*

**Why:** There is a small cadre of researchers working tirelessly each day to better understand the causes and effects of hydrocephalus in approximately 1 million children and adults in the United States alone. This conference brings these researchers together so that they are aware of the work going on across the globe in this field, and can discuss how their research relates to one another. With this broader understanding, the research community dedicated to working on hydrocephalus can help funders, patient advocates, and public policy makers be more strategic in their support of a research agenda, which can lead ultimately to finding a prevention/ cure.

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