



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Media Contact:

Amanda O'Kane
202-367-2306
aokane@actscience.org

ACTS and AFMR Collaborate for a Successful 2015 Annual Meeting

WASHINGTON, DC – April 18, 2015 – The Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) and the American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR) hosted their annual event, Translational Science 2015, from Thursday, April 16 to Saturday, April 18. This year's meeting drew an audience of over 800, including 400 first time attendees, trainees, researchers, and federal program officers.

"We were extremely pleased with the turnout, diversity, and scope of science this year," said ACTS President Michael Lichtenstein and AFMR President MingMing Ning in a joint statement. "Overall, it was clear that our attendees embodied this year's conference theme, 'Explore, Collaborate, Educate, Innovate'. We look forward to deepening the partnership between our organizations and building on the success of this event for next year's meeting."

Highlights from this year's event included plenary presentations from seven speakers, including Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health, who spoke about efforts taken by the NIH to reduce pressures on physician-scientists and encourage their work. Attendees also enjoyed over 400 posters presented over the course of two evenings, as well as 12 oral presentation sessions, 24 concurrent sessions, and 60 speakers. Additionally, more than 100 professionals came out to advocate on behalf of translational science to U.S. policymakers during the annual Hill Day event on Thursday, April 16.

ACTS and AFMR recognized two distinguished award winners during Thursday's opening plenary session. Dr. Keith Josephs, Jr. was the recipient of the AFMR Outstanding Investigator Award. ACTS recognized the Women's Health Initiative for the ACTS Team Science Award.

ACTS also recognized three distinguished award winners during Friday's plenary session. Michael F. Fleming, MD, MPH, Northwestern University received the ACTS Distinguished Educator Award. Francis E. Marchlinski, MD, Perelman School of Medicine University of Pennsylvania, received the Distinguished Investigator Award for Career Achievement and Contribution to Clinical and Translational Science for Translation from Early Clinical Use to Applicability for Widespread Clinical Practice. Kevin Volpp, MD PhD, Perelman School of Medicine University of Pennsylvania received the Distinguished Investigator Award for Career Achievement and Contribution to Clinical and Translational Science for Translation from Clinical Use into Public Benefit and Policy.

ACTS and AFMR are already hard at work planning Translational Science 2016, taking place April 13 - 15, 2016 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. Registration for Translational 2016 is expected to open in December 2015.

About the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS)

ACTS was specifically created to address the needs of the clinical and translational science community. ACTS members are part of a community of over 6,000 individuals from 58 institutions, who receive many exciting benefits to help increase their presence and strengthen the voice of clinical and translational science. Learn more at www.actscience.org.

About the American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR)

AFMR is an international multi-disciplinary association of scientists engaged in all areas of biomedical and patient-oriented clinical, translational, and laboratory research. The organization works to foster the development of future generations of clinical scientists and investigators through its initiatives, while encouraging public, private and governmental investment in the development of these individuals. Learn more at www.afmr.org.

###