Dear ACTS Colleagues,

I write to you on the heels of a remarkably successful TS19. The breadth of the excellence was impressive, and, because of our staff, the planning committee, and the ACTS board, the logistics seemed flawless. Bob Kimberly has transitioned to me a smoothly functioning organization poised to continue to meet our perceived challenges and opportunities. Happily, we continue to have his very active efforts as immediate past president.

We now turn our attention to the coming year.

The strategic plan that we developed on December 1, 2018 is a great structure around which we can be inclusive of everyone’s efforts and for us to organize our activities. In fact, if we choose December 1, 2018 as the date of activation, we have already accomplished a great deal. We will continue to focus on our four strategic goals as we continue to grow ACTS and engage our membership and grow ACTS. Those important goals are:

1. Recruit individual and institutional members and partners with the purpose of catalyzing translational science through the intersection of research discovery and implementation, with particular focus on enabling precision medicine.

2. Develop a compelling value proposition that engages an inclusive translational science community of contributors from discovery to implementation, across their career life cycle.

3. Implement a sustainable advocacy program in support of clinical and translational research.

4. Create an organizational structure and culture that encourages intentional futurism to support the organization’s growth and long-term sustainability.

There will be a call for volunteers in the coming weeks, so I encourage you to raise your hand and get involved. It will take the work of many engaged volunteers to accomplish these goals. We will track and collate the accomplishments as the strategic plan becomes a living document that we can all own, together. The structure will further strengthen our efforts and make them more sustainable.

Thank you in advance,

Frederick J. Meyers, MD, MACP
President ACTS
Thanks For Coming!

Translational Science 2019 took place March 5-8, 2019 in Washington, DC.

This year’s event was full of great networking, educational sessions, and opportunities to present new and exciting research. Thank you to everyone that attended and shared and we look forward to seeing you next year for Translational Science 2020!

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News From the Hill

News From the Hill: March 1, 2019

Congress and the community are awaiting the release of the administration’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget request to Congress. While the request is traditionally released in early February, the partial government shutdown delayed its preparation until mid-March. Over recent years, this document has called for slashing funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), eliminating the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
(AHRQ), and implementing draconian oversight of researchers.

While the administration has backed-off of serious NIH funding cuts, advocates expect that the proposed budget will continue to call for “efficiency” and diminished resources to that additional funding can be applied to military programs.

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