American Epilepsy Society Announces Recipients of Grass Young Investigator Awards

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WEST HARTFORD, Conn., December 1, 2014 – Today the American Epilepsy Society (AES) announced recipients of the Grass Young Investigator Awards. This award honors outstanding young investigators conducting research in basic or clinical neuroscience related to epilepsy. Awardees are selected from young investigators who submit an accepted abstract for the AES Annual Meeting.

Awardees will receive the grant to support their travel costs related to presenting research at the AES Annual Meeting in Seattle. AES Congratulations to the following awardees for these abstracts:

• Chad R. Frasier, Ph.D., University of Michigan -- Dravet Syndrome Patient-Derived Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell Cardiac Myocytes Have Increased Sodium Current Density And Increased Beating Rate
• Ethan M. Goldberg, M.D., Ph.D., Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania -- A Novel Mouse Model Of Chromosome Xq22.1 Deletion Syndrome Displays Epilepsy And Cortical Circuit Dysfunction
• SeokJun Hong, M.Sc., Montreal Neurological Institute and Hospital -- Automated Detection Of Cortical Dysplasia In MRI-Negative Epilepsy: Class II Diagnostic Evidence
• Lawrence Hsieh, Ph.D., Yale University School of Medicine -- New Model Of Focal Cortical Dysplasia Associated Epilepsy
• Esther Krook-Magnuson, Ph.D., University of California at Irvine -- Cerebellar Control Of Spontaneous Seizures In A Mouse Model Of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy
• Lena H. Nguyen, B.S., Baylor College of Medicine -- Late Inhibition Of mTOR Suppresses Fully Established Epilepsy And Associated Neuropathology In The NS-Pten KO Mouse Model Of Cortical Dysplasia
• Vineet Punia, M.D., M.S., Rutgers University -- Factors Influencing Driving Impairment In Persons With Refractory Epilepsy
• Jacy Wagnon, Ph.D., University of Michigan -- Seizures and SUDEP In A Mouse Knock-In Model Of SCN8A Related Epileptic Encephalopathy

About the American Epilepsy Society
The American Epilepsy Society (AES) is a non-profit medical and scientific society. Our individual members are professionals engaged in both research and clinical care for people with epilepsy from private practice, academia and government. For more than 75 years, AES has been unlocking the potential of the clinical and research community by creating a dynamic global forum where professionals can share, learn and grow. AES champions the use of sound science and clinical care through the exchange of knowledge, by providing education and by furthering the advancement of the profession.

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