

October 5, 2009

Dear Colleagues-

The Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland's Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute (DDRI) and Case Western Reserve School of Medicine are pleased to sponsor the 6th annual [Diabetes Research Symposium](#), Friday, November 13, 2009, at [Executive Caterers at Landerhaven](#). This all-day event is the premier scientific meeting for northeast Ohio diabetes investigators and represents millions of dollars in funding brought to Cleveland each year for diabetes-related research.

Each year, this Symposium provides a forum for investigators to exchange information about diabetes research, propose opportunities for collaborations, partner across institutions and advance ideas about the future direction of diabetes research in northeast Ohio. Please join us at the 2009 Symposium, "**Novel Mechanisms of Diabetes Complications.**"

Faculty of international renown will present cutting-edge research focused on the role of inflammation in the development of diabetes and its complications. The Keynote Address will be delivered by **George King, MD**, Director of Research, Section Head, Vascular Cell Biology, Joslin Diabetes Center and Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School.

Plenary speakers include:

- **Timothy J. Lyons, MD, FRCP**, Professor and Chief, Endocrinology & Diabetes, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and Director, Harold Hamm Oklahoma Diabetes Center;
- **Jerry Nadler, MD**, Director, Strelitz Diabetes Center, Professor & Chair, Dept. of Internal Medicine, Eastern Virginia Medical School; and
- **Timothy S. Kern, PhD**, Professor and Director, Diabetes Research Center, CWRU

Additional speakers from our local medical research institutions will present in the afternoon.

Poster sessions showcase the variety, quantity, and quality of diabetes-related research being conducted in northeast Ohio (basic, clinical, and translational research from all disciplines). The poster sessions are another way that DDRI and the Symposium help promote networking across institutional and disciplinary barriers. Please refer to the [Call for Poster Abstracts](#) for submission information. **The deadline for Submission of Abstracts is November 5, 2009.**

**Register online** at <http://www.ddri.org/Symp2008.asp>. **The deadline for registration is November 5, 2009.**

Please extend this invitation to members of your organization who are interested in diabetes research. We particularly encourage participation by those who are interested in conducting diabetes-related research in the future. Plan to spend the entire day for this important activity.

Sincerely,

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