

## GREETINGS FROM OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Positive role models for people with epilepsy can have a wonderful influence on our patients. Two athletes have recently come forward to talk about their epilepsy – Chanda Gunn (goaltender for the USA Olympic Women's Ice Hockey Team) and All-Pro Guard Alan Faneca of the Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Their messages are powerful and inspirational. Encourage your patients to follow Chanda and

her team's quest for the gold in Torino and to log onto [epilepsy.com](http://epilepsy.com) for details.

If you haven't seen [Epilepsy.com/Professional](http://Epilepsy.com/Professional) lately, check it out! This past month we have added hours of video highlights from the [59th Annual American Epilepsy Society meeting](#) including live interviews with top thought leaders and special interest group presentations. This information is state-of-the-art, and you won't find it anywhere else.

But we won't stop there. We're planning to provide extensive video coverage of other conferences and meetings this year, including the first ever [American Epilepsy Society Mid-Year Meeting in June](#).

See you next month!

Steven C. Schachter, MD  
Editor-in-Chief

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Upcoming epilepsy-related conferences, symposiums and events include:

### March 13, 2006

[FACES Gala 2006](#)

Chelsea Piers complex, New York City

### April 01-April 08, 2006

[American Academy of Neurology 58th](#)

[Annual Meeting](#)

San Diego, CA

### May 03-May 06, 2006

[1st East Mediterranean Epilepsy Congress](#)

San Antonio, Texas

### May 11-May 11, 2006

[Epilepsy Foundation Gala](#)

The Lighthouse, Chelsea Piers, New York

City

### June 11-June 16, 2006

[10th International Child Neurology](#)  
[Congress](#)

Montreal, Canada

## NEWS FROM THE AMERICAN EPILEPSY SOCIETY 59TH ANNUAL MEETING

In case you either attended the 59th Annual American Epilepsy Society meeting but didn't get the chance to partake in all the dynamic and innovative presentations or missed the meeting altogether—this is for you.

### BOTANICALS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT AES

A standing room only crowd attended the inaugural meeting

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Epilepsy.com/professionals is building a resource section of useful practice tools for the professional community. If you have a form, patient information sheet, or other useful handout for patients with epilepsy, and you'd like to share it with thousands of your colleagues by adding it to the resource section of [epilepsy.com/professionals](http://epilepsy.com/professionals), please email it to [jenna@epilepsytdp.org](mailto:jenna@epilepsytdp.org) or fax it to (703)

of the Botanicals Special Interest Group (SIG) at the 59th Annual American Epilepsy Society Meeting. Steven Schachter, MD, Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School (HMS), and Associate Director of Research of the HMS Osher Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, coordinated the session\*.

To read more go to: [http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar\\_1138908904.html](http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/ar_1138908904.html)

### **SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PRESENTATIONS FROM AES**

The Epilepsy Therapy Development Project continues to support educational and research issues, and is pleased to provide the following selection of Special Interest Group (SIG) presentations given at the AES 59th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

To view go to: [http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/sig\\_aes\\_8annual\\_meeting.html](http://professionals.epilepsy.com/page/sig_aes_8annual_meeting.html)

437-4288, and we'll take it from there. Thanks!!

## **THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN: REQUESTING ALL PROPOSALS!**



### **MARCH 15TH DEADLINE FOR EPILEPSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION NEW THERAPY GRANTS PROGRAM**

The Epilepsy Research Foundation, a unique partnership bringing together three leading not-for-profit groups with a common mission of accelerating translational research in epilepsy - the **Epilepsy Therapy Development Project** (formerly The Epilepsy Project), the **Epilepsy Foundation** and **Finding a Cure for Epilepsy and Seizures (FACES)** - is requesting proposals for its New Therapy Grants Program. The program seeks to bring new therapies to patients by supporting translational research and early stage commercialization.

The Epilepsy Research Foundation is selectively providing grants to scientific and clinical investigators pursuing innovative, high impact projects that demonstrate a clear path to commercialization from the lab to the patient. Proposals including matched funding from commercial partners will be given a priority review. We anticipate awarding grants of \$100,000 on average although larger grants and multi-year grants will be considered. To view the list of projects previously funded please see: [www.epilepsytdp.org/sec/funds\\_awarded](http://www.epilepsytdp.org/sec/funds_awarded).

All proposals for the New Therapy Grants Program will be evaluated by the Epilepsy Research Foundation's review board.

For additional details on grant proposal requirements please visit: [www.epilepsytdp.org/grants](http://www.epilepsytdp.org/grants). For more information, please contact [kim@epilepsytdp.org](mailto:kim@epilepsytdp.org).

## **ABOUT THE EPILEPSY THERAPY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**



The Epilepsy Therapy Development Project is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation. The

organization was founded by three fathers of young children with epilepsy, along with their children's doctor, a leading researcher and clinician in the field of epilepsy. Our mission is to advance new treatments for people living with epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Therapy Development Project is also the sponsor of [epilepsy.com](http://epilepsy.com) and [epilepsy.com/professionals](http://epilepsy.com/professionals). We are working to build [epilepsy.com/professionals](http://epilepsy.com/professionals) into the most comprehensive source of information, tools and interchange available online for patients, practicing neurologists, and for the research and therapy development community.

To learn more about our programs, please visit [The Epilepsy Therapy Development Project](http://TheEpilepsyTherapyDevelopmentProject). You can help us reach our goals and continue support of [epilepsy.com](http://epilepsy.com) with your [donations](http://donations).

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