



The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
 PD Therapeutics Conference
 Chicago, IL
 September 15, 2008

8.00	Breakfast
8.30 – 8.45	Welcome by Jeffrey Kordower, PhD
8.45 – 10.30	<p>Developing Disease-Modifying Therapies and Neuroprotective Strategies</p> <p><i>Martin Goulet</i>, "Development of Inhibitors of Alpha-Synuclein Toxicity to Treat PD"</p> <p><i>Mart Saarma</i>, "CDNF: A Novel Conserved Neurotrophic Factor that Protects Midbrain Dopaminergic Neurons In Vivo"</p> <p><i>D. James Surmeier</i>, "Neuroprotective Effects of Isradipine in a Mouse Model of Parkinson's Disease"</p>
10.30 – 10.45	<p>Networking Break</p> <p>*Poster Session on Novel PD Targets and Animal Models*</p>
10.45 – 12.30	<p>Improving Symptomatic Treatment</p> <p><i>Anders Bjorklund</i>, "The Role of Serotonin Neurons in the Induction and Maintenance of Dyskinesias in Grafted and L-Dopa Primed Animals"</p> <p><i>Christopher G. Goetz</i>, "The Unified Dyskinesia Rating Scale (UDysRS): Clinimetric Testing Program"</p> <p><i>Alan S. Kopin</i>, "Chemical Deorphaning of GRP88: A Candidate Modulator of Motor Function"</p>
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch
1.45 – 3.30	<p>Developing Critical Research Tools</p> <p><i>Erwan Bezard</i>, "Conducting Pre-Clinical Research in China"</p> <p><i>Piu Chan</i>, "Conducting PD Clinical Trials in China: Experiences from a Randomized Double-Blind and Placebo-Controlled Study to Assess the Ability to Slow Disease Progression and Safety and Tolerability of Green Tea Polyphenols in Patients with Early PD"</p> <p><i>Chenjian Li</i>, "BAC Technology Rodent Models for PD"</p>
3.30 – 4.00	<p>Networking Break</p> <p>*Poster Session on Novel PD Targets and Animal Models*</p>
4.00 – 4.50	<p>Hot Topics in Parkinson's Disease</p> <p><i>J. William Langston</i>, "Genetics of Parkinson's Disease – A Unifying Hypothesis on Pathogenesis"</p> <p><i>Patrik Brundin</i>, "Stem Cell Research and its Implications for PD Therapeutic Development: A Closer Look at hES and iPS Cells"</p>
4.50 – 5.00	Closing Remarks by Jeffrey Kordower
5.00 – 7.00	<p>Cocktail Reception</p> <p>*Poster Session on Novel PD Targets and Animal Models*</p>