

Congratulations to ABC Board Member, [Frances E. Jensen](#), M.D., FACP, professor and chair, Department of Neurology, and co-director, Penn Medicine Translational Neuroscience Center, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, as well as ABC friend NINDS Director [Dr. Walter Koroshetz](#) on being elected to the National Academy of Medicine ([NAM](#)). Membership in the NAM is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine, and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievements and a commitment to service. Read for more news from the science policy sphere:

SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- NIH has announced changes for 2016 Grant Applications. More information can be found [here](#).
- [United for Medical Research](#) released their latest study detailing economic impact NIH has on each state. You can see how your state fares [here](#).
- National Institutes of Health Director Francis Collins [warned](#) a Congressional subcommittee that a number of the agency's key initiatives would be set back if it does not get additional funding in fiscal year 2016.
- Congressman Chaka Fattah [introduced](#) the United States-Israel Global Neuroscience Partnership Act to foster unprecedented collaboration between two nations leading the world in brain research.
- The American Brain Coalition endorses the Orphan Product Extensions Now, Accelerating Cures & Treatments ([OPEN ACT](#)).

IN THE NEWS

- A NIH-funded study [shows](#) that early intervention yields the best results in psychosis.
- Another study [revealed](#) that people with depression who benefited from a placebo showed signature changes in the brain and also responded better to subsequent medication. Understanding the placebo effect may give answers for brain physiology and pathology.
- Another study has pointed towards a potential [new target](#) for treating diseases like amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and frontotemporal degeneration (FTD). [Studies](#) have also shown that a viral gene mechanism may underlie ALS.
- [IMHRO](#) (One Mind Institute) recently announced its Rising Stars - read more about the work of these scientists [here](#).
- The NIH-funded Human Connectome Project (HCP) has been [making progress](#) on how brain wiring may be linked to uniquely human traits.
- People with addiction crave and seek out drugs or alcohol no matter what the cost. Why is it so hard to quit? [Read more](#) about the biology of addiction.
- The [Friends of BrainHealth](#) has [raised](#) more than \$270,000 this year to advance brain research and give young scientists an opportunity to design and lead their own research studies.
- New York Times [acknowledges](#) misuse of the word "schizophrenic".
- [HHS awards](#) up to \$22.9 million in planning grants for certified community behavioral health clinics.

FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- A Congressional Briefing on College Drinking will be held on Tuesday, October 27 from 12:00 - 1:30 PM. Please send positive RSVPs to Brian Woodburn at (202) 336-5941 or bwoodburn@apa.org.



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- A Briefing on Child Health and Development will be held on Wednesday, October 28 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM. Please RSVP to Chris Hughes at chughes@thoracic.org or at (202) 296.9770.
- Check out and order [this](#) 2016 calendar that features individuals affected by macrocephaly-capillary malformation syndrome.
- [Register](#) for a webinar entitled 'Schizophrenia' scheduled for November 10 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM.
- Two NIH-funded projects - Advancing Research and Treatment for Frontotemporal Lobar Degeneration ([ARTFL](#)) and Longitudinal Evaluation of Familial Frontotemporal Dementia Subjects ([LEFFTDS](#)) are now being supported by the pharmaceutical industry.
- The [World Parkinson's Congress](#) is accepting submissions for session topics for the WPC Leadership Forum. Each submission should be on one page, multiple topic ideas are welcome. Please send your ideas to Eli Pollard, Executive Director at World Parkinson Coalition by April 1, 2016.
- [Save the date](#) for the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (ASCP) Spring Meeting to be held in March 2016.