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Marc Diamond, MD & Christopher Giza, MD Selected to Open the ACRM 92nd Annual Conference in Dallas

ACRM announces the selection of two giants in the field of rehabilitation research to open the ACRM 92nd Annual Conference in Dallas this fall. **Marc Diamond, MD** is the founding director of the Center for Alzheimer's and Neurodegenerative Diseases at UT Southwestern Medical Center. His research is focused on neurodegenerative diseases linked to amyloid protein accumulation, with the goal of developing mechanism-based diagnosis and therapy. He will be joined by **Christopher C. Giza, MD**, who leads the Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury Program at Mattel Children's Hospital - UCLA and established the UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT Program which partners with local schools to provide prevention, outreach, research and treatment for sports concussions. The program gained national attention as the recipient of the single largest gift from an individual to a medical center for a concussion-related initiative when it received \$10 million from philanthropist Steve Tisch, co-owner of the New York Giants and an Academy Award-winning film producer.



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RESTON, Virginia – Basic science is fundamental to the advancement of rehabilitation medicine, just as translational research is essential to bridge the gap between the lab and clinical practice. ACRM strongly supports an interdisciplinary approach to rehabilitation and through its annual conference, *Progress in Rehabilitation Research (PIRR)*, provides an effective platform for critical exchange between today's top researchers and the clinicians, therapists, administrators, counselors, and other rehabilitation professionals who serve people with disabilities. "The ACRM Program Committee is excited to announce

this year's Opening Plenary Speakers, Dr. Marc Diamond and Dr. Christopher Giza," said committee chair, Pamela Roberts, PhD, OTR/L, SCFES, FAOTA, CPHQ, FNAP. "Their work exemplifies the interdisciplinary approach that ACRM holds dear and is an inspiration to us all." **Marc Diamond, MD** is the founding director of the Center for Alzheimer's and Neurodegenerative Diseases at UT Southwestern Medical Center. His research is focused on neurodegenerative diseases linked to amyloid protein accumulation, with the goal of developing mechanism-based diagnosis and therapy. He will be joined by **Christopher C. Giza, MD**, who leads the Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury Program at Mattek Children's Hospital - UCLA and established the UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSPORT program which partners with local schools to provide prevention, outreach, research and treatment for sports concussions. The program gained national attention as the recipient of the single largest gift from an individual to a medical center for a concussion-related initiative when it received \$10 million from philanthropist Steve Tisch, co-owner of the New York Giants and an Academy Award-winning film producer.

This year in Dallas, Texas from 25 – 30 October, *PIRR* will deliver nonstop, evidence-based content in six core diagnostic areas, including brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, neurodegenerative diseases, pain, and cancer. It is the largest conference in the world for interdisciplinary rehabilitation research and offers continuing education credit for 14 disciplines—more disciplines than any other rehabilitation conference. Additionally, preconference programming includes half-, full- and two-day courses for those who want to dive deep into topics of special interest. The **Henry B. Betts Awards Gala** will be held on 29 October to honor those making extraordinary contributions to the field and to ACRM. Special recognition will highlight the work of former ACRM President, Dr. Henry B. Betts for whom the gala is named. Dr. Betts was a revered champion for people with disabilities and a leader in physical medicine and rehabilitation. He passed away this year.

A Call for Proposals is open through 23 February 2015 for experts who wish to present their research in a 4-hour or 8-hour instructional course and 75-minute symposia; proposals for oral and poster presentation of scientific papers will be accepted through 2 March. Details at www.ACRMConference.org.

FAST FACTS

Conference Title: ACRM 92nd Annual Conference: Progress in Rehabilitation Research

Dates: 25 – 30 October 2015

Location: Dallas, TX, USA: Hilton Anatole

Link: <http://www.ACRMConference.org>

Call For Proposals: Instructional Courses & Symposia due 23 February 2015; Papers & Posters due 2 March 2015

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