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Announcing the International Association for Food Protein Enterocolitis

Roselle, NJ (September 10, 2011) – In commemoration of the one year anniversary of the establishment of the FPIES United Family Fund, we would like to formally announce the launch of the "International Association for Food Protein Enterocolitis (IAFFPE)." Over the past year, the FPIES United Family Fund team has been diligently working and incorporating your suggestions and needs, to establish an international foundation that unites the medical community and FPIES families. We remain focused on improving the quality of life of patients affected by Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis (FPIES). The success of this fund has gained international support and recognition from the medical community and it is with great honor that we announce our upcoming non-profit status. We are very pleased to officially announce our mission, vision and goals and report our Board of Trustees and internationally supported Medical Advisory Board, Chaired by Dr. Jonathan Spergel of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The International Association for Food Protein Enterocolitis is dedicated to improving the quality of life of patients and families affected by Food Protein-Induced Enterocolitis Syndrome (FPIES). We aim to increase awareness by providing educational services, supportive services, advocacy, and to develop evidence-based research by partnering with the medical community to develop early detection and new treatment options. We aim to bridge the gap between patient and physician while integrating a collaborative treatment approach with Allergy, Immunology, Gastroenterology and Nutrition. Our vision is to positively impact the lives of patients and families coping with FPIES by developing pathways to ultimately find the cause and cure.

We have developed many preliminary ambitious goals for this foundation that include but are not limited to:

- Obtaining an ICD-9 code for FPIES
- To begin collaborative research incorporating Allergy, Immunology, Gastroenterology and Nutrition. By partnering and working with a multidisciplinary approach, we hope to understand the pathology and mechanisms of FPIES. We hope this partnership will lead to discovering a cure.
- To bridge the gap between patient, family and physician by means of educational materials, outreach and medically supported conferences. We aim to help establish earlier detection protocols paired with improved treatment options for FPIES patients worldwide.
- To create accurate, reliable testing for Non-IgE allergy, bringing Non-IgE allergy to the forefront of medical interest similar to IgE allergy.
- To improve treatment plans for patients affected by FPIES, derived from evidence-based, longitudinal research studies.
- To decrease the stress and worry of an FPIES family by providing a place for support, information, and family-friendly education services.
- To establish annual educational conferences to provide updated information on current research, treatment options, and medical services while offering forums to unite FPIES families and foster positive relationships with the medical community.
- To forge enriching and reciprocal relationships with partnering foundations and the medical profession.
- To link families and patients to FPIES experts worldwide and reduce the obstacles to finding treatment.
- To incorporate multiple hospitals and medical experts, internationally, to complete these goals worldwide.

We anticipate expanding our goals as indicated by the FPIES community's need for support. Our Medical Advisory Board, which is expanding daily and includes international support and recognition, has committed to assisting us in our mission, vision and goals. Chaired by Dr. Jonathan Spergel, MD, PhD of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, our board currently consists of the following world-renowned physicians:

Dr. Jonathan Spergel, MD, PhD
Chief, Allergy Section, Co-Director, Center for
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Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

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La.

Dr. Robert Wood, MD
Professor of Pediatrics, Division Chief Allergy and
Immunology
John Hopkins Children's Center

We are also pleased to announce our Board of Trustees, dedicated to ensuring the integrity and transparency of our organization. This diverse board, which is also expanding, has graciously dedicated their time and support to our cause and includes:

Dr. Steven Greco, PhD.
Neuropsychologist

Mr. Sander Budanitsky, Esq.
Attorney at Law

Dr. Christopher Mozdierz, PhD
Molecular Scientist, Post Doctoral Fellow, Rutgers University

We are very excited to continue to be a support for the FPIES community as this mission is very dear to our hearts. We recognized the needs of our community and have worked strategically to provide an avenue for change for nearly one year. Please stay tuned for updates on our developing website, written and supported by our Medical Advisory Board. We will also launch our non-profit Facebook page. Here you will be able to access credible information regarding FPIES, gain support and join us in our exciting efforts to raise funds for this cause. Thank you for giving us the honor this past year to service and support your families. We are confident that, united, we can make a change for FPIES patients worldwide.

Respectfully,
International Association for Food Protein Enterocolitis Team and Associates
Fallon Schultz, Founder and Chair