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Message From The Managing Director

Welcome to the April 2022 issue of The Longer Life Foundation newsletter!

Our goal is to provide you with periodic updates on the Foundation's activities. 2022 thus far is shaping up to be a very exciting year for the LLF, with our expanded Grand Rounds sponsorship program as well as the commencement of planning for the Foundation's 25th anniversary in 2023. Please read the stories on our latest news below to find out what's ahead.

We invite you to share this newsletter with your colleagues, and if you have any questions, please feel free reach out to me at any time.

Thank you,



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Managing Director, The Longer Life Foundation  
Senior Vice President, Head of Global Medical, RGA



#### **LLF Board of Governors Expands to Five, Names Two New Members**

We are proud to announce the recent addition of Carmony Wong of RGA and Dr. John C. Morris of Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine to the LLF's Board of Governors.

Ms. Wong, an RGA Senior Vice President and Head of the Hong Kong and High Net Worth Markets, is a proven and influential leader for both RGA and the insurance industry. Dr. Morris, who is the Harvey A. and Dorismae Hacker Friedman Distinguished Professor of Neurology at the medical school, has a research and clinical focus on Alzheimer's disease and other neurological disorders associated with aging.

With LLF's 25th anniversary approaching in 2023, we are pleased to be able to expand the board from four to five members, and are actively looking forward to future contributions from Ms. Wong and Dr. Morris.



#### **Thanks and Gratitude to Rachel Hauck Upon Her Retirement from LLF**

Since early 2017, The Longer Life Foundation has had the pleasure and benefit of Rachel Hauck's dedicated work on behalf of LLF's researchers and leadership. Ms. Hauck, who is the second Assistant Secretary the LLF has had since its founding, has provided excellent and thoughtful support to the Foundation throughout her years of service. Rachel will continue to assist The Foundation during this transitional time, during which a new Assistant Secretary will be onboarded.



#### **Grand Rounds**

2022 opened with the LLF's first Grand Rounds sponsorship of the year on January 6 at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Jeffrey Henderson discussed the progress of his latest research into alternatives to antibiotics. LLF has been a proud supporter of Dr. Henderson's work, and we were excited to support this presentation. His Grand Rounds is available [here](#).



LLF was also granted permission to share access to Wash U's Grand Rounds on March 3, 2022. During that session, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, MD MPH, current Director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and a Wash U alumna, spent nearly an hour discussing the domestic and global challenges facing public health officials as the world emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic. To access the illuminating discussion, please click [here](#).



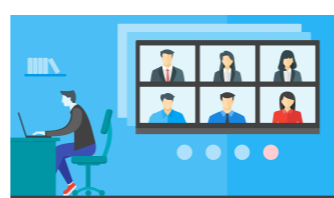
#### **LLF Researcher Video Interviews**

As part of an ongoing plan to promote the LLF and the research it supports, we will be producing a series of informative short interview videos with former grant recipients in 2022. These interviews will be conducted by Hilary Henly, Global Medical Researcher, RGA, and the content will focus on the researcher's work, its potential impacts on mortality and morbidity, and the importance of LLF's support.



#### **Letters of Intent 2022**

The Longer Life Foundation has received 20 Letters of Intent for the 2022-2023 research grant cycle. These represent interested applicants from a diversity of fields such as infectious disease, immunology, biostatistics, and hematology. The Letters will be discussed at the April 6, 2022 Advisory Group meeting, and many will subsequently be invited to submit a full application for grants to fund their research.



#### **Spring Meeting - Mark Your Calendars!**

The Spring 2022 meeting of the LLF Advisory Group is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2022, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, U.S. Central time. We look forward to presenting our latest activities to all of our Advisory Group members.