

# 2015 Annual Scientific Conference: Science Bridging the Gap

The Lyme Disease Association, Inc. held its 16th annual scientific CME conference: Lyme & Other Tick-Borne Diseases: Science Bridging the Gap, November 14 & 15, 2015 at the Providence-Warwick Crowne Plaza, Warwick, Rhode Island. Jointly provided by Columbia University, with Brian Fallon, MD as Director and Richard Marconi, PhD, as Co-director.

13.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits were offered by Columbia University to physician attendees. The conference featured twenty faculty consisting of clinicians and researchers. In addition to the co-directors (above) and one speaker from England, Dr. Tim Brooks, and the remainder of the faculty from the US were Drs. W. Robinson, K. Strle, K. Lewis, Y. Zhang, G. Ramesh, H. Minhas, R. Ostfeld, J. Aucott, E. Breitschwerdt, C. Chiu, E. McGintee, P. Molloy, R. Stricker, S. Donta, W. Padula, N. Komar, and S. Schutzer.

Topics featured very current research and clinical data such as the keynote lecture on Next Generation Diagnostics, Point-Counterpoint on whether Lyme can be sexually transmissible, persists, alpha gall meat allergy from lone star ticks, neuroborreliosis, suicide case report, visual disturbances, viral coinfections including Heartland virus, bartonella, Borrelia miyamotoi, tick populations, vaccine development, cytokine & chemokine biomarkers, microbial and host factors in immune response, and PANS, PANDAS & Lyme.

The Lyme Disease Association, Inc. offered scholarships to the conference to eligible medical students, residents, post-doctoral candidates, fellows, veterinarians with equivalent status to the above, and Nurse Practitioner candidates in a doctoral program.

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