

Please join me in welcoming the newest ABC non-profit member, the [Dementia Society of America](#). The mission of DSA is to enhance the quality of life for those living with Dementia, caregivers, and the community.

July brings with it two very exciting events - [NeuroFutures](#) and the [Portland International Neuroscience Symposium](#) (PINS). Leaders in research, engineering, industry and clinical domains from around the world will meet at NeuroFutures to explore the advances of neurotechnology innovations; neuroscience physicians and scientists will attend PINS, an annual course designed to address state of the art clinical topics. Here are more science policy updates:

SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- Congressman Chaka Fattah (D-PA) released a [statement](#) after the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services marked up an appropriations bill which includes a \$300 million increase in funding for Alzheimer's disease.
- The House Labor-HHS Subcommittee approved and increase in NIH Funding, providing for increases in Alzheimer's disease research, the [Brain Research through Application of Innovative Neurotechnologies](#) (BRAIN) initiative and the [Precision Medicine Initiative](#) (PMI). Read a summary of the bill [here](#).
- More than 100 patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, and research institutions and organizations joined in a [letter of support](#) for the 21st Century Cures Act (H.R. 6), and the [American Brain Coalition](#) was one of them!
- The NIH announced the appointment of eight individuals to the NIH Council of Councils established to advise the NIH Director on policies and activities of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI). Click [here](#) for the roster.

IN THE NEWS

- Dr. Walter Koroshetz has been [named](#) the Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). Dr. Koroshetz has been a true friend of the ABC since its inception and we wish him much success in his new position!
- One of the corporate members of ABC - Actavis plc - formally changed its name to [Allergan plc](#) to reflect the rich heritage of the dynamic new company.
- Scientists have recently [discovered](#) lymphatic vessels in the central nervous system; this may explain certain neurological disorders with an immune component.
- A somewhat disheartening [report](#) revealed that health disparities still are quite persistent in the US.
- The Brain and Behavior Research Foundation [offered](#) an enlightening seminar entitled 'Women Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness'. Click [here](#) for more scheduled events offered by the Foundation.
- In an attempt to educate the public about recent advances that are changing the way we educate in the United States, a [Congressional Briefing](#) was held on June 24. [Numerous institutions](#) are involved in the U.S. Science of Learning and are funded by the [National Science Foundation](#).

FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- The Parkinson's Disease Foundation (PDF) has a series of very exciting seminars coming up. Visit http://www.pdf.org/en/event_calendar for the schedule and mark your calendars!
- Applications for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) internships are due June 28. Apply by clicking [here](#).
- PricewaterhouseCoopers is offering a complimentary webcast entitled '[Medical Cost Trend: Behind the Numbers 2016](#)' on July 1, 2015. Please contact [Gwen Lane](#) with questions regarding this event.
- The 140th Annual Meeting of the [American Neurological Association](#) is coming up soon! [Register](#) by Monday, August 24th to receive the early bird registration rates.
- American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) has extended the [deadline](#) for submitting abstracts to July 1, 2015. There are opportunities for [travel awards](#) as well.



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