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#### Media Advisory

### National Eye Institute Hosts Translational Research and Vision Symposium

*June 24-25 at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.*

The National Eye Institute (NEI), part of the National Institutes of Health, is bringing together premier researchers who translate molecular and genetic approaches from the laboratory to visual system diseases in the clinic.

NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., will deliver a taped keynote address at this two-day event that will feature discussions about cutting-edge treatment strategies as well as the impact of the human genome sequencing on diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases.

#### What:

Translational Research and Vision Symposium

#### Who:

Speakers will include:

- Paul A. Sieving, M.D., Ph.D., NEI Director
- Christopher P. Austin, M.D., NIH Chemical Genomics Center
- Ben Barres, M.D., Ph.D., Stanford University
- Edward S. Boyden, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Emily Y. Chew, M.D., NEI
- Hemin R. Chin, Ph.D., NEI
- Dennis O. Clegg, Ph.D., University of California, Santa Barbara
- Mark S. Humayun, M.D., Ph.D., University of Southern California
- Samuel G. Jacobson, M.D., Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
- Jay Neitz, Ph.D., University of Washington
- Maureen Neitz, Ph.D., University of Washington
- Anand Swaroop, Ph.D., NEI
- James M. Wilson, M.D., Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
- Wai T. Wong, M.D., Ph.D., NEI

#### When:

Thursday, June 24, 2010 from 3:00-5:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

#### Where:

NIH Clinical Center, Masur Auditorium 10 Center Drive Bethesda, MD 20892 [www.cc.nih.gov/cc/visitor/maps/south\\_masur\\_auditorium.pdf](http://www.cc.nih.gov/cc/visitor/maps/south_masur_auditorium.pdf).

#### How:

Register to attend at [www.nei.nih.gov/anniversary/symposia/research.asp](http://www.nei.nih.gov/anniversary/symposia/research.asp).

#### Contact:

For more information or to schedule an interview with a featured scientist, please contact the NEI Office of Communication at (301) 496-5248 or [neinews@nei.nih.gov](mailto:neinews@nei.nih.gov). Information about previous symposia in celebration of NEI's 40th anniversary can be found at [www.nei.nih.gov/anniversary](http://www.nei.nih.gov/anniversary).

The National Eye Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, leads the federal government's research on the visual system and eye diseases. NEI supports basic and clinical science programs that result in the development of sight-saving treatments. For more information, visit [www.nei.nih.gov](http://www.nei.nih.gov).

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) — *The Nation's Medical Research Agency* — includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov).

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