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Cyrus P. Zabetian, MD

Reminders

- Effective June 1, 2006: R03, R21 and R33 paper applications will no longer be accepted by NIH. These grant mechanisms will be submitted electronically through Grants.gov.
- Due to the complexity of the new electronic submissions, SIBCR is requiring that your final application, including science, for a Grants.gov application be at SIBCR five (5) working days before the agency deadline.
- An NIH eRA Commons account with an SIBCR affiliation is required to submit electronically through Grants.gov. Please contact SIBCR Grants Management to create an account: Marie Walters, 6-6487; Danielle Belisle 6-3971; and Kenji Schwarz 6-2731.

Cyrus P. Zabetian, M.D., M.S. is a Core Investigator in the Geriatric Research Education and Clinical Center (GRECC) at the VA Puget Sound and an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Washington. He received his M.D. from the University of Miami in 1994, completed a residency in neurology at the University of Washington in 1998 followed by a fellowship in neuropsychiatric genetics at Yale University in 2002. His major research interest is studying genes that alter risk or modify clinical characteristics of neurodegenerative diseases, particularly Parkinson's disease (PD). This includes identification of new genes through association mapping using dense sets of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and comprehensive analyses of genes already implicated in PD such as *LRRK2* and *NR4A2*. Over 2,000 subjects are being recruited to participate in these studies at five medical centers in the Seattle area. This work is currently funded by grants from the National Institutes of Health, American Parkinson Disease Association, Michael J. Fox Foundation, Parkinson's Disease Foundation, and a Merit Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Dr. Zabetian is also interested in identifying genetic factors that influence susceptibility and treatment response in posttraumatic stress disorder. His initial focus is on genes related to adrenergic signaling as part of funding through the Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center. He plans to expand this work on a genome-wide scale in the future.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

- Please join us for our Annual Members Meeting at 4 p.m. on June 6th in Building 1 Room 240.

WELCOME!

- SIBCR is pleased to welcome the following employees: Angelina Monaco, Qin Wang, Kurt Strand, Rachel Roberson, Sepideh Aliakbari, Jay Blazey, and Amy Hutchings.