Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network Announces Young Investigator Awards

BCAN Research Program Expands Efforts

BETHESDA, MD – The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) has announced the availability of three research awards of $100,000 each, over a two-year period. The application deadline is March 5, 2014. Qualified applicants can find more information at www.bcan.org.

First launched in 2013, BCAN’s Young Investigator Awards seek to fund those researchers who may be working in basic, translational, clinical, epidemiologic, bioengineering or any other scientific or research field, but are also working in a research environment capable of supporting transformational bladder cancer research. The program hopes to inspire more investigators to join the bladder cancer field, a disease in which more research is desperately needed.

“Through our research programs, we hope to engage the best and the brightest in the medical community to advance research. These grants provide hope for the 500,000 people living with bladder cancer in the United States,” stated Diane Zipursky Quale, Co-Founder and President of BCAN.

BCAN would like to recognize the generosity of The JPB Foundation for under-writing two of the 2014 Young Investigator Awards. The New York based philanthropy works to enhance the quality of life in the United States through transformational initiatives that promote the health of our communities by creating opportunities for those in poverty, promoting pioneering medical research, and enriching and sustaining our environment.

In addition to the 2014 Young Investigator Awards, BCAN will be releasing a request for proposals at the end of January for a new Bladder Cancer Innovation Research Award. This new award, supported by the James Family Foundation, in conjunction with Partner Fund Management, will support the work of one investigator with an exceptionally novel and creative project with great potential to produce a breakthrough in the management of bladder cancer. The Innovation Award will fund $300,000 over two years. Applicants may apply for one award – the Young Investigator Award or the Innovation Research Award.
Young Investigator Award recipients will be notified of their selection in late spring of 2014. For more information, go to www.bcan.org or contact BCAN at 301-215-9099.

About the Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network

The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network’s (BCAN) mission is to increase public awareness about bladder cancer, advance bladder cancer research, and provide educational and support services for the bladder cancer community.

BCAN serves as the leading voice for bladder cancer in the U.S., providing resources to not only those diagnosed with the disease but their families, caregivers and the medical community united in support of people touched by the disease. The organization is setting the agenda for bladder cancer by promoting and funding collaborative and cutting-edge research programs and providing critical patient support and education services. Each year, it provides thousands of patients, caregivers and the medical community with the educational resources and support services they need to navigate their bladder cancer journey. BCAN works collaboratively with the medical and research professionals who are dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of bladder cancer and empowers the patient community by allowing them to share experiences with others, and to participate in building awareness of the need for a cure.