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Hope Funds for Cancer Research Honors Gary Jobson and Holds Panel Discussion

NEWPORT, RI -- August 10, 2011 -- The Hope Funds for Cancer Research, an organization dedicated to advancing innovative research for difficult-to-treat cancers, held the third in a series of panel discussions on innovative cancer research, and presented the Robert H. Tiedemann Award for Courage on August 7th at the Redwood Library & Athenaeum in Newport, RI. The event raised nearly \$40,000 towards a postdoctoral fellowship in cancer research.



Hope Funds presented the 2011 Robert H. Tiedemann Award for Courage to survivor and advocate Gary Jobson. Following the presentation of the award and Mr. Jobson's inspired acceptance speech, there was a thoughtful discussion on translating cancer research into patient treatments. Five panelists, including 2006 Nobel Laureate for Physiology or Medicine, [Craig Mello, PhD](#), addressed the challenges and opportunities for scientists, clinicians and the biotechnology industry to translate revolutionary ideas into treatments for patients. The panelists discussed the need for attracting the best young minds to research, finding funding for basic laboratory research, and applying the research to unmet-patient-needs.

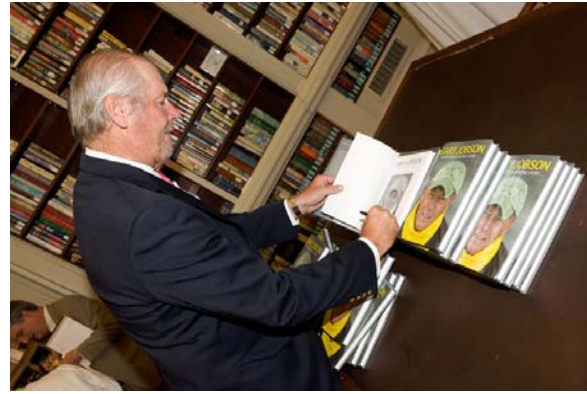
"In order to realize the potential of laboratory discoveries, funding is needed from philanthropists, venture capitalists, and the bio-pharmaceutical industry," concluded Hope Funds Trustee and Panel moderator Charles V. Baltic III, "It takes all three working along a continuum from academia to industry to bring these differentiated cancer treatments to the patient's bedside."



The Panel Discussion was followed by a Reception and Poster Session with three of the Hope Funds Postdoctoral Fellows: Elsa Beyer, Ph.D., from Harvard University; Jurre Kamphorst, Ph.D. from Princeton University; and Jordan Krall, Ph.D., from the Whitehead Institute at MIT.

The Trustees of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research are especially grateful to the Redwood Library & Athenaeum for providing the venue for the event and to the following donors who

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About Gary Jobson

Gary Jobson is a world-class sailor and America's Cup winner. He has won numerous sailing awards and has been inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame. He won the America's Cup in 1977 as tactician for Ted Turner. He is ESPN's Sailing Analyst, a lecturer, and writer. Gary is an Editor at Large for Sailing World and Cruising World magazines. He is considered the eminent ambassador for sailing in the U.S.

While on a speaking tour in April of 2003, he became ill and was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and later noted that he found it quite ironic, since he had been heading up a charity regatta for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society since 1994. Until that point the Leukemia Cup had always just been a way for Gary to do good for a worthwhile cause and get the sailing community involved. He had no personal connection to blood cancer and never dreamed that 10 years later he would be one of those benefiting from the funds he had been raising all those years.

Gary failed two rounds of chemotherapy and eventually underwent a peripheral blood stem cell transplant at University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center. Today he is cancer-free and back to a rigorous schedule of sailboat racing, broadcasting, as well as cancer advocacy. Mr. Jobson stated that being on the receiving end of the some of the innovative therapies that his fundraising efforts have made possible over the years is a humbling experience.

About the Robert Tiedemann Award for Courage

Robert Tiedemann was a lifelong sailor with a passion for vintage yachts. He passed away at age 56 in May 2006 following a courageous struggle with pancreatic cancer. During his career, he rescued a substantial number of antique sail and powerboats, including two 12-Metres, Gleam and Northern Light. In 2007, the Trustees of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research named its award for courage in Bob's memory.

Recipients of this award are selected based on the courage they have demonstrated as patients, advocates, or physicians battling this daunting disease. Previous recipients of the award are Stephen Tebes, M.D. post humus in 2007; Antonio J. Grillo-Lopez, M.D., John K. Naughton and David Straus, M.D. collectively in 2008; and Nathan Robison, M.D. in 2010.

About the Hope Funds for Cancer Research

The Hope Funds for Cancer Research was formed in 2006 to establish a funding vehicle that would take a rational scientific, medical, and investment approach to making grants for the most interesting and promising research efforts to address the most difficult-to-treat cancers, including pancreatic, lung, liver, sarcomas, esophageal, brain, gastric, and ovarian cancers, as well as rare leukemias, lymphomas and MDS. These cancers are insidiously aggressive illnesses that kill most of their victims within months, even with aggressive chemotherapy. The Trustees of the Hope Funds for Cancer Research believe that funding young, innovative researchers will lead to breakthroughs in these areas and increase life expectancy for those with these types of cancers. The Hope Funds for Cancer Research is a 509 (a)(1) charity under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service's code.

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