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Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network Announces New Research Innovation Award

Bringing an Innovative Approach to Bladder Cancer Research

BETHESDA, MD – The Bladder Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN) announces the establishment of the Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award supported by the James Family Foundation, in conjunction with Partner Fund Management. The new research program will award one \$300,000 two year grant to an experienced investigator who will break new ground in the field of bladder cancer. The application process is open and letters of intent are due by February 12, 2014. Qualified applicants can find more information at www.bcan.org.

The aim of the 2014 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award is to support exceptionally novel and creative projects with great potential to produce breakthroughs in the management of bladder cancer. Proposals will be accepted for creative ideas and innovative approaches that have direct application and relevance to bladder cancer.

“There have been so many advances in the cancer arena. With this Innovation Award, we hope to bring new perspectives and forward-thinking ideas to bladder cancer research,” stated Chris James of the James Family Foundation and Partner Fund Management. “This is the sixth most diagnosed cancer in the U.S., yet there have been no significant advances in the disease in more than 20 years. We are hopeful that this research award will move us in the right direction.”

The 2014 Bladder Cancer Research Innovation Award will complement BCAN’s 2014 Young Investigator Awards, generously supported by The JPB Foundation.

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.