

Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report

October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Dear Donors,

Join me in celebrating the successes at PNRI in Fiscal Year 2022! In this quick and inspiring annual report, you will read about how our talented scientists use innovative approaches to tackle some of the most difficult problems in science and medicine.

PNRI believes that scientific breakthroughs are found in unexpected places often at the intersection of multiple scientific disciplines. Our relentless pursuit of discovery is fueled by our core ambition to create a healthier future for all humans. Thank you for your dedicated support and belief in our mission! Enjoy this report.

Sincerely, John Wecker, PhD, President & CEO

Lab Highlights



Cancer Evolution

Dr. Michael Metzger and a team of six global coinvestigators were awarded a five-year, \$3 million National Science Foundation grant to investigate the phenomenon of how contagious cancerous cells spread from one bivalve to another, much like a virus, causing mass mortality. In addition to protecting the ecological health of softshell clams and cockles on both U.S. coasts, this study will garner insight into how cancer evolves and how some organisms—including humans—can resist cancer.



Dr. Aimée Dudley developed

a novel technology that associates the risk of developing an inherited metabolic disease, such as <u>Urea Cycle Disorders,</u> with a patient's specific pattern of genetic mutations. Using this information, a clinician can immediately know a patient's risk for developing disease and severity profile, and, if necessary, prescribe the right treatment to save a life. This level of precision in stratifying patient risk by mutation pattern is a gamechanger for clinical practice.



The Decoding Stress Study is a groundbreaking study led by two of PNRI's internationally renowned geneticists, Dr. Lisa Stubbs and Dr. David Galas. The goal of the study is to pinpoint the exact genes, gene networks, and patterns of genetic mutations in our brains that contribute to the risk of developing stressrelated diseases. The results from this study will one day allow doctors to tailor specific treatments based on a patient's unique genetic makeup.

"PNRI is a creative and non-traditional institute that is pursuing a daring style of science." -Dr. Rick McLaughlin, PNRI Assistant Investigator

Looking Ahead

Currently, we have seven distinguished scientists leading laboratories at PNRI. Each of our scientists explore a different aspect of the interplay between genetics and the environment to understand our resilience or susceptibility to a wide variety of diseases. What unites them is a passion for exploring unexpected places to make discoveries that will ultimately improve human health. In 2023, PNRI is actively working to add one or more scientists to our faculty to expand and deepen our impact.

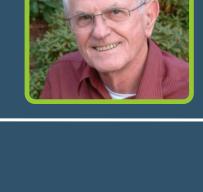
> will bring to PNRI to help people live longer and healthier lives. -Thomas Hayward, Board President

Looking forward to 2023, I am excited to see what innovations the new scientists

On Dec. 1, 2021, former PNRI Trustee and Board Chair, Bob Brine, passed away. Bob served as our Board Chair from 2004-2009 and

In Memoriam

remained deeply committed to the success of PNRI for many years afterwards. We are deeply appreciative of his years of devoted service and dedication to the mission of PNRI to improve human health through innovative biomedical research. Fiscal Year 2022 Audited Financials



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