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RYR-1 Foundation Adds New Members to Its Scientific Advisory Board

May 1, 2018 - The RYR-1 Foundation is honored to announce the newest members of its Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB is responsible for setting the research priorities of the RYR-1 Foundation and determining which research grant applications receive funding. Under the leadership of its chair, Dr. Andrew Marks, the SAB is comprised of a group of world-renowned researchers and clinicians who have dedicated their careers to helping those affected by RYR-1-related diseases. With these latest additions, the SAB will continue to be an invaluable resource to not only the RYR-1 Foundation, but also to individuals and families affected by RYR-1.

The newest members of the SAB are listed below. For detailed biographical sketches, please go to: http://www.ryr1.org/scientific-advisory-board.

Livija Medne, MS, LCGC  
Co-Director Individualized Medical Genetics Center, Senior Genetic Counselor  
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (United States)

Sheila Riazi, MSc, MD, FRCPC  
Director of The Malignant Hyperthermia Investigation Unit  
Toronto General Hospital (Canada)
Drs. Riazi, Treves, and Voermans as well as Mrs. Medne will join the current members of the RYR-1 Foundation SAB, listed below:

**Andrew R. Marks, MD (Chair)**
*Chairman of the Department of Physiology and Cellular Biophysics*
Columbia University (United States)

**Carsten G. Bönnemann, MD**
*Pediatric Neurologist and Senior Investigator*
National Institutes of Health (United States)

**Robert T. Dirksen, PhD**
*Chair of Pharmacology and Physiology*
University of Rochester Medical Center (United States)

**James Dowling, MD, PhD**
*Neurologist*
Hospital for Sick Children (Canada)

**Susan Hamilton, PhD**
*Chair of the Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics*
Baylor College of Medicine (United States)

### About the RYR-1 Foundation

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based public charity was launched in October 2014 by members of the Goldberg family, who have been affected by RYR-1 muscle disease. It is currently the only organization that exists solely to advocate for and serve the needs of patients with RYR-1 myopathy, the most common cause of congenital myopathy. The mission of the RYR-1 Foundation is to support research leading to effective treatment or
a cure for RYR-1-related diseases, to educate physicians about these diseases, and to provide patient/family support and advocacy. The RYR-1 Foundation is a public charity, designated as a 501(c)(3) by the IRS. To learn more about the RYR-1 Foundation, please go to: www.RYR1.org.