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Dr. George Tsokos (left) accepts the 2015 Lupus Insight Prize from Dr. Peter Lipsky (right)

Dear Lupus Community,

We are delighted to share that **George Tsokos, MD**, Chief of the Rheumatology Division at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, received the 2015 [Lupus Insight Prize](#) for a project with great promise in improving treatment for lupus nephritis.

The Lupus Insight Prize is a collaborative initiative among the **Alliance for Lupus Research (ALR)**, the **Lupus Foundation of America (LFA)** and the **Lupus Research Institute (LRI)**. The \$200,000 Prize recognizes a major, novel insight and/or discovery that has the promise of changing thinking

about lupus as well as a high likelihood of generating further advances in the diagnosis and treatment of the disease.

The award was presented at FOCIS 2015, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies.

Dr. Tsokos will use the award funds to study the molecular link between the immune system and the kidney damage seen frequently in patients with lupus nephritis, a dangerous complication of lupus. His research also aims to develop a targeted delivery of drugs directly to kidney cells that block the action of a single destructive enzyme.

Margaret G. Dowd, President and CEO of the Lupus Research Institute notes, “Dr. Tsokos’ outstanding body of work exemplifies what the three leading lupus organizations came together to advance with the Lupus Insight Prize – the most novel science that builds on groundbreaking contributions to innovative treatment and drives toward a cure. This study is particularly meaningful for patients because of its potential to deliver safer and more effective drugs to treat lupus nephritis, one of the most common and dangerous complications of the disease.”

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**About the Lupus Research Institute**

The Lupus Research Institute (LRI), the world’s leading private supporter of novel research in lupus, pioneers discovery and champions scientific creativity as it has successfully demonstrated the power of innovation to propel scientific solutions in this complex autoimmune disease.

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