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## Announcing the 2015 Recipient of the Lupus Insight Prize



Great news in lupus research during Lupus Awareness Month! **George Tsokos, M.D., Chief of the Rheumatology Division at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School**, has been selected as the [2015 recipient of the Lupus Insight Prize](#). A collaborative initiative sponsored by the Alliance for Lupus Research, the Lupus Foundation of America and the Lupus Research Institute, the Lupus Insight Prize provides \$200,000 for use in innovative research on lupus.

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. His efforts will also work to develop a targeted delivery of drugs to block the action of a single enzyme specifically to kidney cells.

The Prize will be presented to Dr. Tsokos **Wednesday, June 24, 2015** during a formal ceremony and reception at FOCIS 2015, the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies in San Diego. Dr. Tsokos will discuss his project and its implications for the treatment of lupus nephritis.

Healthcare professionals are invited to attend the Lupus Insight Prize ceremony and reception from 12:45 – 4:00 PM, and registration for the FOCIS meeting is not required.

We hope you will be able to join us at FOCIS in San Diego. For more information and to RSVP, please email Diomaris Gonzalez at [dgonzalez@lupusresearch.org](mailto:dgonzalez@lupusresearch.org).

Sincerely,



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**About the Lupus Research Institute**

The world's leading private supporter of innovative research in lupus, championing scientific risk-taking in the hunt for solutions to this complex and dangerous autoimmune disease.