

Receives \$200 Million Gift



The Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) presented the third and final scientific symposium for this season in their Palm Beach scientific lecture series titled *Tomorrow's Breakthroughs Today*.

The ADDF was founded by Palm Beach residents **Leonard A. and Ronald S. Lauder** and is the only nonprofit solely focused on accelerating the development of drugs for the treatment, prevention, and cure of Alzheimer's disease. Concurrent with the symposium, the ADDF announced that Leonard A. Lauder and Ronald S. Lauder, along with the entire third generation of their family, **William Lauder, Gary Lauder, Aerin Lauder Zinterhofer** and **Jane Lauder**, have committed \$200 million to accelerate the discovery and development of drugs to prevent and treat Alzheimer's disease. This is the largest gift ever given to the ADDF — underscoring the Lauder family's dedication to curing Alzheimer's.

The symposium featured **Miia Kivipelto, M.D., PhD.**, Professor in Clinical Geriatrics at Karolinska Institute Center for Alzheimer Research and Senior Geriatrician and Director for Research and Development of Theme Aging at Karolinska University Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden. Dr. Kivipelto presented on the latest in prevention research, including her landmark *FINGER (Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability)* trial, which has shown a combination of lifestyle interventions — including exercise, diet, cognitive/social stimulation, and management of vascular/metabolic risk factors — can prevent cognitive decline.

Dr. Kivipelto is now expanding her trial with support from the ADDF by adding the safe and widely prescribed diabetes drug, metformin, to the lifestyle interventions of her initial study to test whether the combination will prevent cognitive decline even more effectively.

Laura Nisenbaum, Ph.D., Executive Director of Drug Development at the ADDF, moderated the conversation, which also included an engaging and thought-provoking Q&A session with guests.

"In this new era of Alzheimer's research, we know diagnostic tools, drugs, and prevention strategies targeting the full range of causes that contribute to this disease will need to be used together for the best results," said Dr. Nisenbaum. "Work by world-class researchers like Dr. Kivipelto who are supported by the ADDF is driving the field forward. Even delaying the onset of Alzheimer's by just a few years can make a huge difference in patients' lives."

The lecture series was founded in partnership with Palm Beach residents **Heidi and Tom McWilliams**, Co-Vice Chair and Co-Treasurer of the ADDF's Board of Governors, and was presented at the Norton Museum of Art in West Palm Beach.

For more information visit www.alzdiscovery.org.

FIRST ROW: Heidi McWilliams, Dr. Miia Kivipelto and Tom McWilliams; Jolanta Drott and Daniel Johannesson; **SECOND ROW:** Sharon Bush and Nancy Goodes; Wilber and Janet James; **THIRD ROW:** Harvey Jones and Robin Gillen; Mark Roithmayr and Dr. Miia Kivipelto; **FOURTH ROW:** Gina Holzheimer and Laura Nisenbaum; Beth and Fred Lane. PHOTOS: CAPEHART

