



Research Grants Awarded (2009)

PSC Partners Seeking a Cure held its first competition for research grants in January 2009. A total of fourteen proposals were received and reviewed by the scientific/medical advisory committee. Three proposals were selected for funding:

- Examining the Disease Impact of Genetic Variation in Logical Candidate Genes for PSC: a PROGRESS Study. **Konstantinos N. Lazaridis**, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Center for Basic Research in Digestive Disease, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905.
- Cholangiocarcinoma-associated serum microRNAs in primary sclerosing cholangitis: Identification and prognostic potential. **Pietro Invernizzi**, MD, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, Allergy, and Clinical Immunology, University of California, Davis GBSF suite 6515, Davis, CA 95616.
- Aberrant homing of lymphocytes to the liver in patients with primary sclerosing cholangitis; the missing link between colon and liver. **Cyriel Y. Ponsioen**, MD, PhD, Department of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Academic Medical Center, C2-112, P.O. Box 22700, 1100 DE Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Congratulations to Drs. Lazaridis, Invernizzi, and Ponsioen!



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