

# Bay Area Alzheimer's Symposium Held at Gladstone

**O**n June 25, the Alzheimer's Association and the Gladstone Institute of Neurological Disease (GIND) cosponsored the second annual Bay Area Alzheimer's Symposium at Gladstone. The event brought together leading Alzheimer's disease (AD) researchers from Gladstone, UCSF, Stanford, the Buck Institute, and other institutions.

Three Gladstone investigators made presentations at the symposium. Li Gan described her research on how the interaction of cystatin C and cathepsin B regulates degradation of the amyloid beta peptide, which is thought to be a major cause of AD. Yadong Huang described the regulation of apolipoprotein E expression in the central nervous system and in AD. Finally, Lennart Mucke gave an update on the investigational treatments for AD.



"We are very happy to organize this event," said Dr. Mucke, GIND director. "The Bay Area has become a major center for research into Alzheimer's, and this event is an excellent opportunity to exchange the latest information and to foster collaborations to defeat this terrible disease."



(l to r) Nga Bien-Ly; William Fisher, Alzheimer's Association CEO; Jason Holland; Jason Cheng; Dr. Elizabeth Edgerly, Alzheimer's Association Chief Program Officer; Lennart Mucke; Alexandra Rirco; Andrea Weinstein; and past winner Deborah Barnes. Those pictured with certificates are winners of the Kathryn Grupe Award for Excellence in Alzheimer's Research.