

Myasthenia Gravis Foundation Honors Two Humanitarians Annual Founders Dinner to Recognize Kenneth P. Trevett J.D. and Dr. David P. Richman

LOS ANGELES – The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of California is proud to honor two outstanding humanitarians, Kenneth P. Trevett, J.D., and Dr. David P. Richman, on March 15 at the Luxe Hotel in Bel Air at its 44th Annual Founders Dinner and Dance: Finding a Cure for MG.

Mr. Trevett is the president and chief executive officer of the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (LA BioMed), one of the nation's largest non-profit biomedical institutes.

Dr. Richman is chairman of the Department of Neurology at the University of California, Davis, and a foremost researcher and clinician in the field of myasthenia gravis, a neurological disorder that causes fluctuating control of voluntary muscle groups.

"We are very fortunate to have such distinguished honorees for this year's Founders Dinner and Dance," said Mathilda Karel Spak, Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of California founder. "We are honoring Mr. Trevett for his work in advancing the field of medical discovery and getting these discoveries to the market where they can help patients. We are recognizing Dr. Richman for his extensive research into myasthenia gravis, his dedicated service on our advisory board and the wonderful work he does with patients at the clinic at the University of California, Davis."

Mr. Trevett is the foundation's business honoree. He joined LA BioMed in 2001, bringing with him more than 25 years of experience as an administrator and legal counsel in not-for-profit biomedical research, education and clinic service institutions. As the institute's president and CEO, he oversees a staff of 150 investigators and a budget of more than \$75 million.

Over his career, he has negotiated hundreds of agreements involving technology transfer between industrial and academic organizations. He also authored a CD-ROM on the licensing of academic technology and has lectured and consulted extensively in this field.

Mr. Trevett is a strong advocate for the biomedical enterprise in the business community. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation and on the board of the Southern California Biomedical Council.

"Ken Trevett has been a leader in promoting and supporting the life-science industry in the Greater Los Angeles region," said Ahmed Enany, President & CEO, Southern California Biomedical Council. "He has been a strong advocate for biomedical research because of its vital role in our region's economy and, most importantly, for its promise in creating a healthier future for us all."

Dr. Richman is the foundation's medical honoree. He earned his medical degree at the John Hopkins School of Medicine in 1969. He completed a neurology residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and clinical and research fellowships in neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. After two decades on the faculty of the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine, Dr. Richman joined UC Davis in 1991 as chair of the Department of Neurology.

He is the author of more than 90 articles on myasthenia gravis and has been awarded more than \$12 million in grants for myasthenia gravis research over the past 25 years. Another \$2.5 million in grants for his important research is pending. He provides free medical treatment for myasthenia gravis patients at the University of California, Davis clinic.

“Through his research and his care of patients, Dr. Richman has contributed so much to the understanding and treatment of this difficult disease,” said Richard E. Lewis, Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of California president. “He has truly made a difference in the lives of myasthenia gravis patients.”

For more information or to purchase tickets for the Annual Founders Dinner, please contact the foundation’s office at (323) 887-0056 or Judy@myasthenia-ca.org

About Myasthenia Gravis

Myasthenia Gravis is a neurological disorder resulting in fluctuating weakness of the voluntary muscle groups, such as those controlling the eyes, face, chewing, swallowing, and talking. Muscles that control breathing and movement of the arms and legs can also be affected. Medications and other therapies can alleviate and, in many cases, control the symptoms of the disease. But there is no cure for it yet. More than 50,000 people in California have been diagnosed with myasthenia gravis.

About the Foundation

The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of California’s (MGFC) was founded in 1954. Its mission is to find a cure for myasthenia gravis by funding cutting-edge research and providing services for myasthenia gravis patients through low-cost and free clinics, as well as drug banks and patient support auxiliaries throughout California and Nevada. It also provides medical education, information and referrals. For more information, please visit the website: www.myasthenia-ca.org