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International Myeloma Foundation®
Dear Supporters of the International Myeloma Foundation,

I am pleased to be able to report that the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) continued to make amazing positive strides to help myeloma patients around the globe in 2015. The IMF was successful in all four areas of focus: education, support, advocacy, and research.

Patient education is the cornerstone program for the IMF. “Knowledge is power” embodies our outreach to patients everywhere. The menu of opportunities for learning – finding out the best and latest information – continues to be expanded and enhanced. There are more than 150 support groups in the US alone. In 2015, we held four two-day patient seminars in the US and 15 one-day community workshops. The community workshop program has substantially extended the IMF’s reach into smaller communities. In addition, there are numerous ways to access information via publications, online resources, and teleconferences. These include Myeloma Today®, the weekly Myeloma Minute® e-newsletter, and regular “Living Well with Myeloma” teleconferences. Other resources are the weekly “Ask Dr. Durie” YouTube video series; the twice-yearly International Myeloma Working Group® (IMWG®) Conference Series: Making Sense of Treatment online expert debate series; and the 10 Steps to Better Care® breakdown of key information, in a “step-by-step” fashion.

For physicians, the menu of IMF-generated educational opportunities is also expanding. The American Society of Hematology (ASH) CME-accredited physician symposium “Critical Issues Need Answers” has been an annual mainstay for more than a decade. In December 2014, more than 1,000 physicians attended. Other important meetings include physician meetings held globally in sync with patient seminars, the Myeloma Master Class, an in-depth training program for Chinese physicians held in August, plus a range of work group and roundtable meetings held globally to focus on specific topics of interest for guideline development or new research projects.

Turning to research, this has been a major area of excitement and growth. The groundbreaking Black Swan Research Initiative® is truly moving toward achieving a cure for myeloma. Focused on early diagnosis, monitoring disease at the very lowest levels (using new MRD [Minimal Residual Disease] testing) and developing novel therapy combinations to eradicate residual disease, this project has galvanized interest, expectation, and enthusiasm among myeloma researchers and patients everywhere. The project is now moving into Phase 2 which includes trials for patients with residual resistant disease. This will be especially important to attempt to achieve cure for all patients. Fiscal year 2015 saw the final development of the Next-Generation Flow (NGF) technique, a precise new tool to monitor myeloma as cure is being achieved. We have great optimism that in the next one to two years, we will be able to confirm that cure is being achieved.

So, 2015 was a stellar year and we look forward to even greater progress in 2016 and beyond.

A deeply felt thank-you to all who have contributed to make so many great things become a reality.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Friends,

As the IMF celebrates our 25th anniversary, what could be a better “present” than to know that we are about to launch “Cure Trials” through the IMF’s Black Swan Research Initiative! This is a huge milestone, not just for the IMF, but for the entire Global Myeloma Community. This comes as the result of dedicated researchers and scientists working together in labs and institutions around the world.

The IMF has brought the Global Myeloma Community together in a profound way that has enabled us to make advances in research we only dreamed about before. To succeed, people have to trust one another, have really good ideas, and most importantly they have to agree to collaborate. The International Myeloma Working Group®, the research arm of the IMF, does just that.

Research to find a cure is paramount to our mission, and the IMF focuses both on lab and clinical research to achieve our goal. The IMF also focuses on funding Junior and Senior Research Grants for doctors working in institutions around the world. The IMF is now the premier funder of myeloma research grants, having awarded more than 100 grants since 1994 that have opened the doors to new ideas and major advancements in treatments.

During the twelve-month period of October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015, we significantly expanded our global reach. Thanks to continued support from our pharmaceutical partners, the IMF held the 4th Annual Myeloma Master Class, an intensive course for young clinicians, designed by IMF Chairman Dr. Durie and following the 10 Steps for Better Care®. The Master Class once again welcomed doctors from seven of the most prestigious hospitals in China to learn from the experts, who are members of the IMF’s International Myeloma Working Group.

The IMF held our 16th annual Support Group Leaders Summit. One hundred leaders attended, representing more 70 groups from across the US, and 29 leaders were attending for the first time! The weekend was spent learning about the latest advances in myeloma treatment and management, as well as learning from each other. Once again, a highlight for the attendees was Dr. Durie’s update on the Black Swan Research Initiative® and the “Pharma Round Robin,” where they learned about advances in therapies from Celgene, BMS, Onyx, and Takeda.

Thanks to the efforts of our Advocacy team, oral anticancer drug parity bills have been passed in 40 states plus the District of Columbia, and introduced in both the US House and Senate with help from IMF-led coalitions, PEAC® (Patients Equal Access Coalition®) and SPEAC® (State Patients Equal Access Coalition®).

We also continued our efforts in global advocacy with the rebranding of the Global Myeloma Alliance (GMA) to the Global Myeloma Action Network® (GMAN®). The name change represents our commitment to action, and the mission remains the same – to improve the lives of patients around the world. GMAN members joined together with a common goal, to ensure patients have access to the newest approved treatments and educational materials, and to support continued innovation in blood cancer. GMAN now includes 37 organizations representing 33 countries around the world, with plans for strategic growth in the future.

The year was incredibly busy and very productive. But by far the most exciting of all our accomplishments this past year was the amazing progress the Black Swan Research Initiative is making. We truly are on the cusp of finding a cure.

Thanks to your support, 2014–2015 was a remarkable year, touching both cornerstone and innovative programs of the IMF, education, research, support, and advocacy! Thank you for your support. The door to the cure is open – let’s walk through it together!

Warm regards,

Susie Novis Durie
President
RESEARCH

Research is a top priority for the International Myeloma Foundation. In fiscal year 2015 the IMF advanced its signature Black Swan Research Initiative®, continued to bring young investigators into the field through the Junior Research Grants program, and enhanced funding for more senior investigators. The IMF’s International Myeloma Working Group® (IMWG®) members collaborated on important myeloma projects that led to significant publications during the year.

Research Groups

Black Swan Research Initiative

Led by IMF Co-Founder and Chairman Dr. Brian Durie, the Black Swan Research Initiative (BSRI®) is a multinational consortium of leading myeloma experts who are harnessing new technologies and the latest myeloma treatments to find a pathway to a cure. The Black Swan Research strategy capitalizes on the availability of potent new therapies and the advent of ultra-sensitive tests to measure exactly when and how those therapies are working in patients.

Phase One of the Black Swan Research Initiative was successfully completed during fiscal year 2015. An extremely sensitive flow cytometry method for MRD detection, Next-Generation Flow (NGF), was developed with IMF support, and is able to detect myeloma cells in the bone marrow at the highly sensitive level of one in a million cells.

Phase Two, launched at the end of fiscal year 2015, introduces NGF and other types of MRD testing to correlate in “cure” trials. The CESAR trial was launched in Spain, and the US ASCENT trial is set to launch in the first half of fiscal year 2016 at multiple institutions in the US, with Dr. Shaji Kumar of the Mayo Clinic as the principal investigator.

The Black Swan investigative team convened twice in fiscal year 2015 – at the International Myeloma Working Group (IMWG®) Summit in June 2015 in Vienna, Austria, and on the eve of the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) in December 2014 in San Francisco – to push ahead on several simultaneous projects designed to move us closer to finding a cure.

International Myeloma Working Group

The IMF founded the International Myeloma Working Group® in 2001 to globally and collaboratively conduct basic, clinical, and translational research to improve health outcomes for those living with myeloma. Comprised of more than 200 of the world’s leading myeloma researchers from 35 countries, the group publishes highly regarded consensus statements and guidelines for the management of myeloma.

In June 2015, the sixth annual IMWG® Summit was held in Vienna, Austria. There, 75 of the world’s leading myeloma experts from 28 countries representing 55 institutions grappled with vital subjects to the myeloma community: the challenge of double refractory disease; the optimal use of stem cell transplantation in relapsed myeloma; genome sequencing; the identification of new actionable targets for myeloma therapy; new drug approvals; and the optimization of myeloma therapy.

Through the magic of modern technology, the myeloma community throughout the world was able to see some of the findings at the IMWG Summit. Dr. Durie moderated the IMWG Conference Series: “Making Sense of Treatment,” a live-streamed panel...
In October 2014, the IMWG published new diagnostic guidelines in *Lancet Oncology*. These guidelines represent “a paradigm shift in myeloma,” according to Dr. Vincent Rajkumar, Edward W. and Betty Knight Scripps Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic, and lead author. “We are now willing to treat myeloma before symptoms happen.”

These diagnostic guidelines are a result of several years of study and collaboration by the IMWG’s myeloma researchers worldwide. “The guidelines allow for the diagnosis of myeloma to be made in patients without symptoms and before organ damage occurs, using validated biomarkers associated with the near inevitable development of clinical symptoms.”

“This step forward has many important implications,” said IMF Chairman Dr. Brian Durie, “not the least of which is the expectation that earlier treatment will lead to better outcomes.” This, he noted, is the central idea of the IMF’s signature Black Swan Research Initiative, in which early treatment is coupled with close assessment of residual disease to determine which therapeutic approach will ultimately achieve cure.

**IMWG Publications**

Long-term IMWG® research collaboration led to four publications during the October 2014 – November 2015 reporting period:

*Revised International Staging System for Multiple Myeloma: A Report from International Myeloma Working Group.*


*Role of Magnetic Resonance Imaging in the Management of Patients with Multiple Myeloma: A Consensus Statement.*

*International Myeloma Working Group Updated Criteria for the Diagnosis of Multiple Myeloma.*

Full text versions of IMWG publications and presentations may be accessed at: imwg.myeloma.org.

**Asian Myeloma Network**

A recognized source of expertise for myeloma in the Asian region, the IMF’s Asian Myeloma Network® (AMN®), created in 2010, is comprised of leading hematologists from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Singapore, and Thailand. The AMN advises the IMF on its Asian programs and implements regional research projects and research activities.

During 2015, the network made considerable progress in several program areas. In the area of epidemiology, the AMN’s Asian Myeloma Database was refined and expanded to...
include information on myeloma incidence and treatment practices for more than 4,500 patients in Asia. A joint database reference was also developed by combining the work of IMF colleagues in Latin America.

In the treatment field, the AMN continued to work towards implementing an AMN Clinical Trials network. During 2015, a partnership was launched with Celgene to establish a pomalidomide patient-access program for some 140 patients in the AMN region where pomalidomide does not yet have regulatory approval (AMN001). A follow-up study (AMN003) is set for implementation in 2016 (randomized phase III study of pomalidomide-cyclophosphamide-dexamethasone [PCD] versus pomalidomide-dexamethasone [PD] in relapsed or refractory myeloma).

During 2015, the clinical trial AMN002, which studies the use of carfilzomib, thalidomide, and dexamethasone in relapsed or refractory myeloma, was arranged in cooperation with Amgen and the Australian Lymphoma and Leukemia Group.

A further project (AMN004) is set with Amgen and the National University of Singapore to extend, under AMN auspices, an existing Kyprolis® (carfilzomib) trial in Singapore to patients in Korea. Finally, during 2015, discussions were initiated with Janssen for a Darzalex® (daratumumab) trial, possibly in cooperation with centers in Latin America.

The IMF expanded its Asian physician training during 2015, especially for young Chinese physicians. The IMF held two training programs in China, and two further programs for Chinese hematologists in conjunction with international conferences supported by Janssen, as well as the fourth annual Myeloma Master Class for young Chinese doctors at IMF’s headquarters, supported by Celgene and Onyx/Amgen.

In the area of research, the AMN was an active participant in the IMF’s Black Swan Research Initiative®, with expert and training sessions held in Japan and China, and a view to apply Next-Generation Flow in Asian laboratories. In addition, a 2015 Asian smoldering multiple myeloma study was initiated.

Finally, the AMN members supported patient education seminars in 2015 in China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, and Singapore.

**Research Grants Program**

For nearly 20 years, the IMF Research program has funded promising clinical investigators from around the world in an effort to improve outcomes for patients with multiple myeloma. IMF-funded research has made contributions to understanding the biology of myeloma and supporting the development of a cure. The grantees of the 2015 awards will continue to contribute significantly to the field of myeloma.

The IMF grants are funded by donations from private individuals. The presentation ceremony for the 2015 IMF Research Grant awards took place during the American Society of Hematology (ASH) annual meeting held in San Francisco, California in December 2014.
Brian D. Novis Research Grants 2015

In memory of its co-founder, Brian D. Novis, the IMF has established annual grants to promote research into all areas of myeloma – better treatments, management, prevention, and a cure. These grants are awarded annually to doctors and researchers conducting promising work in the field of myeloma.

Brian D. Novis Senior Research Grants 2015

Senior Research Grant projects are funded at $80,000.

Claire M. Edwards, PhD
University of Oxford – United Kingdom
Caloric restrictions and bone marrow adiposity in myeloma

Yang Yang, MD, PhD
University of Alabama at Birmingham
The role of myeloma cell-derived Runx2 in myeloma metastasis: focus on bone microenvironment

Brian D. Novis Junior Research Grants 2015

Junior Research Grant projects are funded at $50,000.

Francesca Cottini, MD
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute – Boston, Massachusetts
Targeting the kinase STK4 to treat myeloma

Tarun K. Grag, PhD
University of Arkansas for Medical Science – Little Rock, Arkansas
Myeloma cells modulate ICAM3 to evade natural killer cell-mediated lysis

Patricia Maiso, PhD
Clinical University of Navarra, Spain
Role of hypoxia in myeloma: new therapeutic approaches targeting minimal residual disease and drug resistance

Amit Kumar Mitra, PhD
University of Minnesota at Minneapolis
Identifying tumor response heterogeneity using single-cell transcriptomics

IMF Japan Research Grants

The annual multiple myeloma research awards were instituted in 2002 by IMF-Japan in memory of its founder, Aki Horinouchi. The following awards were presented at ASH 2014 by IMF-Japan.

Hideto Tamura MD, PhD
Nippon Medical School – Tokyo, Japan
The role of SLAM family molecules and immunotherapy with SLAM-directed chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-engineered T cells in myeloma.

Hirofumi Tachibana, MD, PhD
Kyushu University – Fukuoka, Japan
Elucidation of the molecular mechanism on a novel apoptotic cell death-inducing pathway in myeloma cells

Hiroyuki Tamamatsu, MD, PhD
Kanazawa University Graduate School of Medical Sciences – Kanazawa, Japan
Minimal residual disease monitoring in myeloma using next-generation sequencing
Research Events of 2015

Several conferences bring together myeloma researchers from around the world annually. The IMF participates in each in order to present our research, to increase dialogue around this disease, and to stay abreast of important findings on multiple myeloma research from around the world. The 56th American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting and the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) brought to light some critical new successes in myeloma diagnostics and treatment.

IMF at ASH

The 56th American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting and Exposition took place December 6–9, 2014 in San Francisco, California, at the Moscone Center. More than 35,000 hematologists/oncologists from around the globe attended the meeting. The myeloma studies fell into two major categories: combination studies with approved agents and studies with experimental agents.

The 855 myeloma-related presentations demonstrated steady progress on the research side in understanding myeloma's complex and evolving biology. On the clinical side, presentations at ASH demonstrated the ever-expanding arsenal of tools available to effectively diagnose, treat, and monitor patients.

IMF at ASCO

The Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) was held May 29–June 2, 2015, in Chicago, IL. The meeting brought together more than 25,000 oncology professionals from a broad range of specialties and featured more than 5,000 abstracts, with nearly 100 that focused on myeloma. The most highly anticipated myeloma presentations in 2015 included trial results for experimental agents which had not yet been FDA-approved at the time (Darzalex® and Empliciti®). Discussion focused on how the arrival of these drugs on the scene signaled a new era in cancer treatment: the era of immunotherapeutic monoclonal antibodies, which target receptor sites on the cancer cell surface and enlist immune system cells to dispatch the cancer.

The IMF team provided myeloma educational materials to the thousands of ASCO attendees and conducted video interviews with key presenters at the IMF booth in Chicago.

Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award

The Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award, named for its first recipient, is presented annually by the International Myeloma Foundation to an individual whose body of work in the field of myeloma has made significant advances in research and the treatment and care of myeloma patients.

In June 2015 in Vienna, Austria, Pieter Sonneveld, MD, PhD, was awarded the 13th annual Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Sonneveld earned his doctorate degree with a thesis on the pharmacology of Adriamycin® (doxorubicin) in acute leukemia. Soon after, he performed his first transplant. Through the years, Dr. Sonneveld has attained leadership in numerous professional organizations.

Currently, he is the Chairman of the Dutch HOVON Myeloma Cooperative Group, and he coordinates clinical trials for lymphoma, leukemia, and multiple myeloma in The Netherlands. He serves on the executive board of the European Hematology Association (EHA). He is also on the Scientific Advisory Boards of more than eight major hematology publications, and is the Associate Editor of Haematologica. In addition, Dr. Sonneveld is Chairman of the European Myeloma Network.

Dr. Sonneveld accepted the honor with his characteristic modesty. “I feel honored to receive the 2015 Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award, and I share it with the people who participated in our trials and research during many years,” he told the audience of nearly 200 people.

“I am,” he added, “very privileged to work with many gifted and dedicated people from all over the world to find a cure for multiple myeloma and to improve the lives of our patients.”

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Although it is the second most common blood cancer, multiple myeloma is still a relatively unknown disease. For many patients and their caregivers, it is at diagnosis when they first hear the word myeloma. The International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) recognizes the need for comprehensive education programs for both the patient and the physician – to ensure that patients are diagnosed correctly and treated effectively. IMF President Susie Novis Durie coined the phrase “knowledge is power” after her husband, Brian Novis, was diagnosed. His journey to fully understand myeloma led to the founding of the IMF in 1990. Since then, the IMF has remained committed to empowering patients through education and ensuring that their doctors and nurses receive the most current information to diagnose and treat them.

**IMF Patient & Family Seminars**

In 1993, the IMF became the first organization to conduct Patient & Family Seminars, which provide patients and their caregivers access to top doctors working in the field of myeloma.

IMF Patient & Family Seminars have reached tens of thousands of people around the world. From October 2014 to September 2015, more than 990 people attended US-based seminars held in Los Angeles, California; Redwood City, California; Boca Raton, Florida; Short Hills, New Jersey; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Outside of the US, nearly 2,275 people attended seminars held in Italy, France, Austria, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Norway, Denmark, Spain, and Poland.

**Regional Community Workshops**

To address the needs in smaller communities for events like the Patient & Family Seminar, the IMF hosts frequent Regional Community Workshops and Myeloma Center Workshops. These half-day workshops offer families a condensed version of the full seminar at no charge.

From October 2014 to September 2015, more than 1,250 people attended US workshops in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Charlotte, North Carolina; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Richmond, Virginia; San Diego, California; Seattle, Washington; and Washington, DC.

**Physician Community Workshops**

The IMF also hosts Physician Community Workshops throughout Europe to ensure physicians receive the most current information to diagnose and treat myeloma patients. In 2015, 300 physicians attended workshops held in Oslo, Norway; Odense, Denmark; and Heidelberg, Germany.

**Publications**

The IMF produces an extensive library of educational materials, which are offered free of charge both in print and on the IMF website. The IMF library of publications provides...
up-to-date information on all issues affecting the myeloma community, including innovations in treatment, information on clinical trials, updates on policy issues, and more. Frequently requested publications include the IMF Patient Handbook, Concise Review, the Understanding series booklets, and the quarterly magazine Myeloma Today®. Many IMF publications are translated into multiple languages. In addition, medical articles are translated on a quarterly basis into French, Italian, German, and Spanish – and these are available on the IMF site and via quarterly e-newsletter Myeloma Messenger.

The IMF InfoPack, assembled with a selection of key IMF publications, is designed to provide newly diagnosed patients and their families with a complete understanding of the disease and care. During the 2015 fiscal year, more than 3,000 InfoPacks were disseminated to patients, healthcare providers, and support groups around the world.

From October 2014 through September 2015, the IMF produced 7 new publications and updated more than 30 publications. A selection of the new or updated English-language publications were translated into multiple languages. The quarterly Myeloma Today magazine had a print subscriber base of 16,000 as well as a web-view and pass-along rate independently estimated at 75,000. The weekly Myeloma Minute subscriber base has more than 28,000 readers.

Teleconferences
IMF teleconferences are a way for the myeloma community to connect with myeloma experts. The IMF held six teleconferences for patients and caregivers during the 2015 fiscal year, including nearly 9,500 calls in the IMF’s popular “Living Well with Myeloma” series. Topics of the calls included “Understanding the Immune System,” “Sustainable Wellness,” “Nurse Leadership Board (NLB) Members Address Patients & Caregivers,” and “Myeloma 101 Updates on Treatment and Pain Management.” In addition, 2015 teleconferences provided myeloma news immediately following the annual meetings of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) and the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). Recordings of all IMF teleconferences are available on the IMF website. More than 23,000 people have listened to live and archived recordings of 2015 teleconferences.

Medical Professional Education
The IMF offers healthcare professionals who treat myeloma patients essential educational courses. In 1999, the IMF began sponsoring CME-certified satellite symposium held in conjunction with the ASH annual meeting. This symposium had an audience of more than 900 attendees from countries around the world. In 2006, the IMF formed the Nurse Leadership Board® (NLB®), consisting of specialty oncology nurses from major medical centers across the US, and also embarked on CME-accredited symposia at the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) annual meeting in 2007.

Myeloma Master Class
The Myeloma Master Class is a medical education program developed by the IMF four years ago, and is an intensive educational course designed for clinicians who specialize in myeloma. The fourth annual Master Class, held in August 2015 in Los Angeles,
welcomed young Chinese hematologists from leading myeloma centers in Beijing, Fuzhou, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai, and Tianjin, China. In addition to classroom learning, the doctors visited the City of Hope National Medical Center and took part in the IMF Los Angeles Patient & Family Seminar, where they participated in individual patient consultations. The Master Class featured several days of interactive lectures and discussions on the full range of modern myeloma diagnosis and treatment with leading myeloma specialists Dr. Brian Durie (IMF Chairman and Cedars-Sinai Samuel Oschin Cancer Center); Dr. Joseph Mikhail (Mayo Clinic, Scottsdale, Arizona); Dr. Tom Martin (Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, San Francisco, California); Dr. Robert Vescio (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center); and Dr. Amrita Krishnan (City of Hope National Medical Center). The young Chinese doctors allowed these skilled clinicians to refine their knowledge of myeloma and its treatment issues by meeting with world-renowned myeloma experts. But perhaps, most importantly, the Master Class provides the chance to see doctor-patient interactions in the US.

Educational Outreach in Europe

The IMF continued to strengthen its international relationships with patients, families, and advocacy groups abroad in 2015 with educational meetings in 10 European countries. By collaborating with doctors in each country, the IMF works to provide the most updated myeloma research and treatment information to patients in their own languages. In the coming year, the IMF will expand its presence to 5 more countries.

Nurse Leadership Board

The International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) Nurse Leadership Board® (NLB®) is a professional partnership representing nurse experts caring for myeloma patients at leading medical centers. The NLB’s primary mission is to improve the nursing care and self-care of patients with myeloma by educating nurses and patients via publications, symposia, multimedia, and research. Founded in November 2006, the NLB has proven to be invaluable to the myeloma community as a platform that bolsters nursing education, clinical care experience exchange, and patient knowledge and empowerment.

NLB members work each year to bring relevant information to patients and healthcare providers by presenting at key conferences, seminars, and workshops. They also conduct educational teleconferences, make contributions to IMF website content and publications, and publish research on myeloma management.
The NLB’s tenth annual meeting, held in Los Angeles, California in October 2014, provided the opportunity to discuss the current state of myeloma care, identify unmet needs for patients and nurses, and plan ways to address those unmet needs. During the meeting, the NLB reviewed the results of their original research into the health maintenance of myeloma patients, and made plans for publishing their research.

Throughout fiscal year 2015, NLB members led education sessions at IMF Patient & Family Seminars, Myeloma Center Workshops, and Regional Community Workshops; accompanied support group leaders to the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology (ASH); and addressed the IMF’s 2015 Support Group Leaders Summit. The NLB contributed to IMF publications and spoke on monthly teleconferences in the IMF’s popular “Living Well with Myeloma” series, which is open to the entire myeloma community.

With contributions by NLB members, including Beth Faiman PhD, RN, MSN, APRN-BC, AOCN®, and Joseph Tariman, PhD, ANP-BC serving as co-authors and editors, the Oncology Nursing Society published the Second Edition of the Multiple Myeloma Textbook for Nurses in fiscal year 2015. Also during this time, several NLB members contributed to a series of papers to help guide the advanced practitioner in the clinical management of multiple myeloma. These papers will be published by the journal JADPRO in 2016 as a supplement entitled The Advanced Practitioners Guide to Multiple Myeloma.

At the 2015 Oncology Nursing Society Annual Congress in Orlando, Florida, the NLB hosted a CNE-accredited satellite symposium that was attended by more than 600 nursing professionals and served as an example of the NLB’s exceptional work to bring expert myeloma advice to nurses in all communities.

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The International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) remains dedicated to ensuring the support of those living with multiple myeloma. The IMF is a leader in myeloma patient support, offering services designed to provide patients and their loved ones with local and global support networks and easily accessible, up-to-date information. The IMF provides support to patients and caregivers through its website, a toll-free InfoLine, its social media outreach, and through its wide-ranging network of community support groups.

myeloma.org

The IMF offers patients and caregivers multilingual access to all current myeloma research (IMF-funded research and otherwise), the latest community developments, and linkage to support services and advocacy forums. From October 2014 to September 2015, more than 400,000 visitors went to myeloma.org, tallying nearly 1,110,000 page views. IMF-produced videos and presentations received close to 25,000 views. During this time period, the IMF’s website also received more than 150,000 views from mobile devices. The IMF website is a leading resource for myeloma-related content and the most complete source of answers to the many questions asked by those who are newly diagnosed.

Social Media

The IMF has worked in recent years, and especially in 2015, to expand its support to those living with or affected by multiple myeloma through social media. To increase visibility and awareness of myeloma and to support those living with or affected by myeloma, the IMF now has a growing presence both on Facebook and Twitter, with more than 6,200 “Likes” and 4,200 “Followers,” respectively. This represents a 17% increase in Likes on Facebook and a 31% increase of Followers on Twitter in the past year.

Toll-Free InfoLine

The IMF’s toll-free InfoLine provides life-saving myeloma treatment and management support from highly trained specialists. As new treatment options are gaining attention and use in multiple myeloma, the team answers increasingly more questions about myeloma, its treatment, drug side effects, options for possible clinical trials, and other health concerns. The specialists also assist callers in finding local support, which is more important than ever. The toll-free InfoLine has been a valuable resource to patients, families, and caregivers in 2015. From October 2014 to September 2015, InfoLine responders supported 2,481 callers and answered more than 1,000 emails.

Support Groups

Through a global community of assisted support groups, the IMF seeks to ensure that patients and families have local access to support and education.

The IMF currently supports more than 300 support groups worldwide. In the 2015 fiscal year, the IMF’s team of support group directors made 219 in-person visits to local support group meetings, IMF Patient & Family Seminars, and Regional Community Workshops. Support group directors visited several groups many times throughout the year to foster sustainability and support new leadership.

From October 2014 through September 2015, six new support groups were formed.
During the 2015 fiscal year, the IMF conducted 20 teleconferences for patients, caregivers, medical professionals, and researchers; these teleconferences also included 10 calls with Nurse Leadership Board (NLB) members to speak to support groups. Three-hundred support group members participated in the calls with NLB members. Quarterly support group leader conference calls had an average of 50 participants per call.

The IMF offers unequaled website creation and hosting for local support groups. The IMF has created or updated 130 local support group websites and supports an additional 12 local group websites.

The IMF provided a unique opportunity for 12 support group leaders to attend the American Society of Hematology (ASH) annual meeting in San Francisco, California in December 2014. During the meeting, the support group leaders from across the US attended presentations on myeloma research, the IMF’s educational events, and more. They shared their experiences through nearly 50 blogs, Twitter, and Facebook, and with their local support communities. In fact, these tireless and passionate myeloma SGLs not only blogged and tweeted the most important myeloma news, they also earned the IMF a perch among the “Most Influential on Twitter,” a title bestowed by Symplur, an organization that ranks healthcare activity on social media. A site dedicated to IMF at ASH 2014 can be visited at http://ash2014blogs.myeloma.org/.

Through the IMF Ambassador Program, support group members attended 2014 Patient & Family Seminars, creating a welcoming atmosphere and introducing them to other myeloma patients. In addition, the Ambassador Program brought greater awareness to local support groups and increased membership.

The 16th annual IMF Support Group Leaders Summit took place in Dallas, Texas. A total of 100 Support Group Leaders (SGLs), representing 70 groups, attended the Summit. This was the first summit for 29 of the SGLs. The 70 groups represented at the Summit serve more than 4,000 support group members, extending the Summit’s reach to thousands of myeloma patients and family members.

The 2015 Summit was packed with sessions offering the latest news about myeloma treatments, medical updates from Dr. Brian Durie, and topics such as advocacy, technology, leadership skills, marketing, websites, and group administration were presented to equip SGLs to run successful groups. In addition, the needs of caregivers were addressed. Some groups left the Summit with intentions of planning special sessions just for the caregivers who attend their local support communities!

Finally, technology was also emphasized for SGLs. Through the IMF Support Group Leader Toolkit/Technology Grant, 70 SGLs received iPads and jump drives with updated information on myeloma support.

Support Group Leaders with IMF team members at the 2015 Annual Support Group Leaders Summit
Gratia Williams Nakahashi
New York, NY

IMF supporter Gratia Williams Nakahashi is an advocate who has gone above and beyond in her efforts to affect change in myeloma legislation. In March of 2009, her husband Kenji Nakahashi was diagnosed with high-risk multiple myeloma. After two treatment regimens and one successful remission, Kenji was on the cusp of another relapse. The couple began searching for additional treatment options. Kenji’s doctor, a transplant specialist at Weill Cornell Medicine’s Multiple Myeloma Center, recommended a T-cell depleted allogeneic transplant that had been pioneered at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center by Dr. Gunter Koehne.

A few weeks later, the couple met Dr. Koehne, who warned that they might have issues receiving coverage from Medicare for the T-cell depleted transplant. As a result, Gratia embarked on her fight to change Medicare policy so Kenji, and other patients like him, could receive life-saving treatments.

She began speaking with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). At the same time, she raised the issue with the office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) to investigate any legislative recourse she may have. Finally, Gratia re-contacted the NMDP and also connected with the IMF to suggest a partnership between the two organizations. She also garnered more support from the Patient Advocate Foundation.

Within only a few months, Gratia has proved to be an inspiring advocate. She has recently heard from Sean Cavanaugh and Dr. Patrick Conway, both acting members of the CMS’s administration team. The latter is the director of the program within CMS that makes coverage determinations on the Nakahashis’ treatment issues. Gratia and her husband made strides in their fight, and by 2016, CMS policies on allogenic transplants finally changed.
The third GMAN meeting occurred at the International Myeloma Workshop (IMW) in September 2015. The GMAN meeting focused on sustainability of organizations. A total of 15 groups representing 14 countries were present, plus 19 non-IMF, non-industry individuals. Speakers included Dr. Jean-Luc Harousseau and Sofia Cardoso of the Portuguese Patient Association Against Leukemia.

US Advocacy Efforts at the Federal Level

Patients Equal Access Coalition

In fiscal year 2015, the Patients' Equal Access Coalition® (PEAC®), a collection of 30 different advocacy organizations that represent the patient, provider, and industry perspective on the rights and care of cancer patients. For example, on June 11, 2015, the Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Acts were introduced with bipartisan and bicameral support. PEAC secured 45 co-sponsors for the House bill (H.R. 2739) and seven co-sponsors for the Senate bill (S. 1566).

In addition, on September 30, 2015, PEAC held its first Congressional briefing on oral parity. Senior Director of Advocacy, Meghan Buzby, moderated the event, during which members of Congress and their staff members heard from advocates representing, the patient, provider, caregiver, and industry perspectives. As a result, PEAC was able to secure eight additional co-sponsors.

US Advocacy Efforts at the State Level

State Patients Equal Access Coalition

The State Patients Equal Access Coalition® (SPEAC®), a collection of 25 advocacy organizations that represent the patient, provider, and industry perspective on the rights and care of cancer patients. In particular, in fiscal year 2015, SPEAC's work led to the passing of oral parity legislation in six states: Wyoming, South Dakota, West Virginia, Mississippi, North Dakota, and New Hampshire. To date, SPEAC has been responsible for aiding the passage of oral parity laws in 40 states as well as in the District of Columbia. In addition to oral parity, the IMF followed specialty tier legislation that would protect patients from high-cost sharing for specialty medicines. So far, bills have been enacted in Delaware, Maine, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. Bills have been introduced in Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Virginia, and the District of Colombia.

Raising Awareness

In 2015, IMF Advocacy led a campaign to acquire proclamations at the local, state, and federal level. The team created a tool kit with a step-by-step guide on how to talk to officials about obtaining proclamations, as well as sample letters and templates to use in their respective conversations with legislators. Working with Rep. Brian Higgins’ office (a long-time friend and ally to the IMF), the advocacy team introduced a federal resolution to designate March as national Myeloma Awareness Month (MAM). Currently, that resolution has six co-sponsors, and IMF Advocacy will continue to seek more in 2016.
Myeloma Awareness Month

The IMF observed Myeloma Awareness Month in March 2015 with many activities and initiatives that increased awareness of the disease. A national resolution (H. Res 174) was introduced to designate March as “National Myeloma Awareness Month.” The resolution added to the immense successes of patient advocates across the country who received proclamations for individual states, counties, and cities.

Myeloma Awareness Month kicked off with two Patient & Family Seminars – one in Boca Raton, Florida, and the other in Redwood City, California. Regional Community Workshops were held in Denver, Colorado, and in San Diego, California. The IMF also held a “Living Well with Myeloma” teleconference, which reached more than 2,600 listeners. In addition, press releases and social media spread awareness, with myeloma facts issued daily on Twitter and Facebook, using the hashtag #DiscoverMyeloma.

Other outreach components of Myeloma Awareness Month included Mambo for Myeloma – an initiative that asked patients, caregivers, doctors, friends, family members and groups to film themselves dancing and share a donation link for the cause. The “Share Your Story” campaign allowed myeloma patients to post their inspiring stories to the IMF website.

Furthermore, the IMF provided support group members with the tools to reach out to their local news media, resulting in more than 50 reports in newspapers, on the radio, and on television from Vermont to California to Jamaica. Local support groups also spread myeloma awareness by distributing flyers, buttons, and information cards in their communities.

Myeloma ACTION Team

The Myeloma ACTION Team, formed in 2013, continued to grow. Forty-eight advocates made in-district visits and sent more than 180 messages to legislators in fiscal year 2015. This team builds community by fostering education, action, and empowerment. The team works together to strengthen the support for federal legislation on anticancer treatment access, to build strong grassroots networks in every state, and to raise awareness of myeloma across the country. In addition, the team speaks to the IMF on monthly teleconferences, and organizes in-district meetings with federal and state legislators to raise the visibility of issues that myeloma patients face.

Veterans Against Myeloma

The IMF has long been a resource for veterans for information about myeloma. In 2015, Veterans Against Myeloma (VAM) grew from 179 members to 311 members. In addition, a focus group was conducted with 49 participants. The purpose of this focus group was to determine what further needs VAM could fulfill for its members. VAM also led two teleconferences – “The Military Veteran’s Perspective on Living with Multiple Myeloma” and “Multiple Myeloma and VA Benefits,” with 71 and 52 participants respectively. Created in 2013, the VAM website continues to provide relevant information about myeloma and causes that may be specific to veterans, with a total of 160 alerts sent to members in the past fiscal year. The website (http://veterans.myeloma.org/) also disseminates information and resources to members so they may become advocates for legislation that could support veterans with myeloma.
Support for the International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) comes from many sources, including large corporations, pharmaceutical partners, private donors, bequests, and fundraising events. However large or small the gift, each contribution makes it possible for the IMF to continue offering and improving upon existing programs, while exploring new ways to serve the myeloma community with unequaled information and support.

The IMF expanded its reach during the last fiscal year with new programs made possible through the generosity of its donor base.

During the 2015 fiscal year, the IMF received nearly $17 million in support of vital programs and services.

**Major Gifts & Planned Giving**

Major gifts of $5,000 and above make a powerful impact on the IMF’s fiscal stability. During the 2015 fiscal year, the IMF received 46 gifts totaling $890,591. Major donors are a small but dedicated group of supporters whose contributions help sustain the quality and longevity of critical programs and research.

**Planned Giving**

The IMF continues to support programs that help extend lives of myeloma patients, but respects that for many of our members, estate planning is a rite of passage that must be acknowledged.

Members who support the IMF through the Brian D. Novis Legacy Society, the IMF’s planned giving program, make bequest provisions in their will or revocable trust, or name the IMF as a beneficiary of qualified retirement plan assets (IRA or 401k) or life insurance policies. All that is required to be recognized as a member of Legacy Society is written confirmation of a planned gift. There is no minimum commitment necessary.

**Sustained Giving**

Members of the IMF’s sustained giving program, The Hope Society, commit to a monthly or quarterly gift in support of the IMF’s programs and services. With recurring contributions ranging from $5 to $500, 155 Hope Society members contributed a total of $51,654 during the 2015 fiscal year. The IMF thanks members of the Hope Society for their continued commitment to sustaining the needs of the myeloma community.

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**Terry Miller**

Terry Lynn Miller was considered a man of contradictions – frugal in his personal life but generous with his friends and with the various charities and political causes he supported.

Add the International Myeloma Foundation to that list. Miller, who passed away from myeloma in 2013, bequeathed a generous donation to the IMF, adding to his earlier significant contributions. His total gift stands at $337,000, money that he would be pleased to see being spent on research to find a cure.

Terry himself was grateful for the years he got to enjoy life beyond what doctors first predicted. Originally given two years to live, Terry fought every challenge that came his way, his trademark dry sense of humor always present. He lived 21 years past his initial diagnosis, crediting the strides in myeloma research for his longevity.

“I know he was grateful for the gift of so much time, which would not have been possible without the efforts made by the [International Myeloma] Foundation and others,” says his close friend Beth-Ann Herschaft, “I’m sure that’s why the Foundation played such a big part in his estate giving plan.”

Terry Lynn Miller, was born in Ohio on July 7, 1944, and later moved with his family to Florida, eventually earning an MBA from Florida Atlantic University. He went on to work for several governmental agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, the Florida Department of Corrections, and the Florida Child Support Enforcement Division, where he was vigilant about contacting absent parents. Terry was also an avid reader of historical books and spy novels, and loved crossword puzzles and other word games.

Thanks to Terry Miller’s generous gift, others like him may get to laugh harder and longer.
## The Hope Society Honor Roll

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The IMF’s Paul Hewitt with Steering Committee Vicki Hamby, Gail Bertram, and Andy Bertram
Wayne Hamby Golf Tournament

The Wayne Hamby Memorial Golf Tournament began in 2010 when Wayne Hamby passed away from multiple myeloma, and his Pinecrest Golf Club friends held a golf tournament in his memory. In 2012, the tournament became a charity event to benefit the International Myeloma Foundation and raised $7,500 for the organization. Each year since 2012 the donations have increased.

The Steering Committee of the Wayne Hamby Golf Tournament includes the team of Vicki Hamby, Gail Bertram, and Andy Bertram. All three of their lives have been touched by cancer in one way or another. The International Myeloma Foundation’s focus on increasing rates of survival of myeloma patients and supporting patients and families are the reasons this team organizes fundraisers. Simply, they want donations to the IMF to count. In the last two years, their efforts resulted in a research grant in Wayne Hamby’s name – which motivated not only the Steering Committee but also their many loyal volunteers.

The greatest challenge that Vicki, Gail, and Andy face yearly is obtaining donations for the event (prizes, silent auction items, raffles, and so forth). Although the Bluffton, South Carolina community and surrounding areas have always been extremely generous, an increased demand by many worthy charities can be difficult for many of the businesses.

The team discovered that undertaking an IMF fundraiser gave them access to “tremendous resources and encouragement from the IMF’s staff.” To provide yearlong exposure to this event and an avenue for donations from those unable to attend the Wayne Hamby Memorial Golf Tournament, the Steering Committee and the IMF developed a website (www.hamby4imf.org). The IMF is incredibly thankful to Vicki Hamby, Gail Bertram, Andy Bertram, and all the volunteers they rally to raise funds to fight myeloma.
IMF’s 8th Annual Comedy Celebration

The International Myeloma Foundation’s 8th Annual Comedy Celebration benefitting the Peter Boyle Research Fund and supporting the Black Swan Research Initiative* drew more than 1,100 guests to the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles, California on Saturday, November 8, 2014.

The first Annual Comedy Celebration was held in 2007, thanks to fellow Board member and event chair Loraine Boyle, IMF Board Member and wife of the late actor Peter Boyle. Loraine Boyle reached out to IMF Co-Founders Susie Novis Durie and Dr. Brian Durie with a profound desire to make a difference in the lives of people coping with myeloma. Loraine established the Peter Boyle Research Fund, calling upon her and Peter’s friends to join her in raising awareness and finding a cure for myeloma. Boyle’s friends, an assortment of actors and comedians, answered her call without hesitation, and they have been donating their time and talents to our cause ever since.

During the 2015 fiscal year, the 8th Annual Comedy Celebration raised $565,000, bringing the total funds raised for the Peter Boyle Research Fund to $5 million.

Peter Boyle, who passed away in 2006 after a four-year battle with myeloma, was remembered with poignant anecdotes, which were followed by an evening of stellar comedic performances. Host Ray Romano, whose support over the years has played an integral part in the success in the event, opened the show. Throughout the evening, we welcomed familiar faces from “Everybody Loves Raymond” and some new faces too. Appearances were made by Rita Wilson, Alex Meneses, Gene Pack, Dayle Reyfel, Howard Hesseman, Rhea Perlman, Laraine Newman, Danny DeVito, Lucy DeVito, Doris Roberts, Lesley Nicol, and Patricia Heaton.

In addition, more than 400 VIP guests gathered before and after the show to peruse the evening’s silent auction offerings and enjoy the atmosphere with friends.
Member Fundraisers

Myeloma patients and family members often ask the IMF about opportunities to help support myeloma research and education programs. People who have hosted member fundraisers in their communities have said they derive strength and empowerment in the fight against myeloma.

During the 2015 fiscal year, IMF members held 78 events that raised nearly $620,000. Many of the recurring events support the IMF’s Brian D. Novis Research Grants, a testament to the ability of a regular group of people to make an extraordinary impact on the future of myeloma research.

The IMF is grateful to members who have held sporting events, bakes sales, craft sales, dinner parties, and more – all in the name of supporting IMF programs, services, and research initiatives.

Member Events
October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015

**BENEFACTORS CIRCLE**
$25,000 and up
- Miracles For Myeloma
- Ron and Sheree Park and Gina Klemm
- Clark, NJ
- Chekfest Golf Tournament
- Sharon and Scott Kowalczuk
- Grand Rapids, MI
- Coach Rob’s Benefit Bash
- Kim Bradford and Todd Birmingham
- Apopka, FL
- **Miles for Myeloma 5K**
- Philadelphia Multiple Myeloma Networking Group
- Philadelphia, PA
- Carolyn Czerkies
- Charity Golf Outing
- Czerkies Family
- Naperville, IL

**FOUNDERS CIRCLE**
$10,000 – $24,999
- Capt. Turner Ocean Swim
- Doug and Kate Farrell
- Longport, NJ
- **A Day At the Races**
- Janine Grant
- Monmouth, NJ
- J.C. Golf Tournament
- David Johnson and Bob Zins
- St. Cloud, MN
- Ava & Cece’s Race to Beat Myeloma
- Ava and Cece Fainberg
- Chevy Chase, MD
- **McWethy March Against Myeloma**
- Justin McWethy
- Yosemite, CA
- **Team Synergy – Strengthen for a Cure**
- Tara Ginsburg
- Long Island, NY
- **Wayne Hamby Memorial Golf Tournament**
- Gail and Andrew Bertram
- Bluffton, SC
- **Bridge Blasts Myeloma**
- Carol Klein
- Bethesda, MD

**PARTNERS CIRCLE**
$5,000 – $9,999
- **Trooper Benson Klein Research Fund**
- Benson Klein
- Bethesda, MD
- **Red House Carnival**
- Julianne Stafford
- Brighton, MA
- **Slava Rubin’s Wedding**
- Slava and Alana Rubin
- New York, NY
- **Kubik Multiple Myeloma Benefit**
- Darla Kubik and Dwight Royall
- Rockwall, TX
- **Art on the Gogh**
- Frank and Beth Harman
- Virginia Beach, VA

**ASSOCIATES CIRCLE**
$1,000 – $4,999
- **Jack’s Annual Benefit Bash**
- Jack Aiello
- San Jose, CA
- **Margaret R. Cole Memorial Fund**
- Roger O. Cole
- Upper Montclair, NJ
- **Flying Pig Marathon**
- Ellen and Brian Grammel
- Fairfield, CT
- **Night of Epic Awareness**
- Nicole Czipul
- Coral Springs, FL
- **Doris Morgan’s 75th Birthday Gala**
- Bridget McKenzie
- Atlanta, GA

**Yoga for Myeloma**
- Vicki Johnson
- Long Beach, CA
- **Heritage Singers Fundraiser**
- Heritage Singers of Jacksonville
- Jacksonville, FL
- **Laura Bates Bottle Fundraiser**
- Laura Bates
- Penfield, NY

**FRIENDS CIRCLE**
$500 – $999
- A Visit to Virginia’s Wine Country
- Nancy Rabie
- Richmond, VA
- **Caputo 50th Anniversary**
- Mike and Rose Mary Caputo
- Somerset, NJ
- **Zach Barten’s Bar Mitzvah Project**
- Zachary Barten
- Plainview, NY
- **Christopher Stafford Wedding**
- Christopher Stafford and Tyler Hornyk
- Norwalk, CT
- **Brady Mudders Day Fun Run**
- Valli Brady
- Hamilton, NJ

**CATWALK FROM CANCER**
- 17-year-old Tristen Douglas, who lost her grandfather to myeloma

**JACK AIEMLO Hosts the Texas Hold ‘Em Benefit Bash in San Jose, CA.**
**Yoga for Myeloma**
- Vicki Johnson
- Long Beach, CA
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**Friends Circle**
- A Catwalk from Cancer was organized by 17-year-old Tristen Douglas, who lost her grandfather to myeloma.

**Yoga for Myeloma**
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**In lieu of gifts at Zachary Barten’s Bar Mitzvah, guests donated to the IMF.**

**Frank and Beth Harman host an IMF Fundraiser at Art-On-The-Gogh.**

**Sandi Hunsuckle and her Zumba class held a Zumbathon Fundraiser for the IMF.**

**Denise Arevala and Thomas Tomey cut the cake at their wedding, for which they requested donations to the IMF in lieu of wedding gifts.**

**Bicyclists gather for Doug Kinkade’s Red Rock Canyon Ride.**
## INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA FOUNDATION

### Statement of Financial Position

#### September 30, 2015

### Assets

#### CURRENT ASSETS
- Cash and cash equivalents: $2,696,368
- Contributions and other receivables: 5,712,432
- Prepaid expenses: 661,840

**Total Current Assets**: $9,070,640

#### OTHER ASSETS
- Investments, at fair value: $6,298,901
- Property and equipment, net: 230,734
- Gift annuity investments, restricted cash: 9,098
- Intangible assets, net: 58,430

**Total Other Assets**: $6,597,163

**TOTAL ASSETS**: $15,667,803

### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES
- Accounts payable and accrued expenses: $727,079
- Deferred and unrestricted educational grants: 13,061,928

**Total Current Liabilities**: $13,789,007

#### GIFT ANNUITY OBLIGATION
- 5,375

**Total Liabilities**: $13,794,382

#### NET ASSETS
- Unrestricted: 1,869,698
- Temporarily restricted: 3,723

**Total Net Assets**: $1,873,421

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**: $15,667,803

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INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA FOUNDATION

Statement of Activities for the Year Ended September 30, 2015

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Total Revenue and Support $ 12,845,254 $ 1 $ 12,845,255

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Total Expenses $ 12,642,799 - $ 12,642,799

Change in Net Assets

NET ASSETS – Beginning of year $ 1,667,243 $ 3,722 $ 1,670,965

NET ASSETS – End of year $ 1,869,698 $ 3,723 $ 1,873,421

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INTERNATIONAL MYELOMA FOUNDATION

Statement of Functional Expenses
for the Year Ended
September 30, 2015

Breakdown of Expenses by Program

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**Total Program Expenses** $11,562,860

General supporting expenses 424,563
Fundraising expenses 655,376

**Total Expenses** $12,642,799

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The International Myeloma Foundation gratefully acknowledges the many people and organizations whose contributions have made it possible to provide the excellent, high-quality programs and services that serve our members. Their generosity allows the IMF to do the following:

- Conduct and support the innovative research that is the basis for the IMF’s signature Black Swan Research Initiative®, which is bridging the gap from long-term remission to cure, while simultaneously advancing the next generation of researchers in the field.
- Empower patients, family members, physicians, and nurses to participate in advocating on behalf of cancer patients by urging federal and state legislators to stand behind critical healthcare policies that will improve the lives of cancer patients.
- Maintain a vast and comprehensive website that provides the latest updates about myeloma, through the 10 Steps to Better Care®, including initial treatment options, testing, and clinical trials.
- Support the IMF’s network of over 245 support groups through leadership training, educational materials, and assistance in securing guest speakers.
- Maintain the InfoLine to ensure that its coordinators have the tools they need to help patients, families, and friends be aware of all treatment options available to them.
- Expand successful educational programs to reach a wider audience; including the Regional Community Workshops and the two-day Patient & Family Seminars.
- Continue to produce and regularly update our library of over 100 IMF publications that support patients, doctors, and nurses in making informed treatment choices.

The IMF is dedicated to improving the quality of life of myeloma patients while working toward prevention and a cure.

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