CNS Awards $100k Getch Fellowship To Dr. Kahle Of Mass Gen

The Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), the global leader in neurosurgical education, is pleased to announce that Dr. Kristopher Kahle has been named the recipient of the $100,000 Christopher C. Getch Fellowship Award for 2013-2014. Dr. Kahle is currently a resident at Massachusetts General Hospital, and will conduct his fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital. Named for the late Christopher C. Getch, MD, a past CNS president, this flagship award is granted to a neurosurgeon who is committed to advancing the practice of neurosurgery worldwide through excellence in education and scientific exchange.

Dr. Kahle, a native of Milwaukee, graduated from the NIH Medical Scientist Training Program at Yale School of Medicine. Dr. Kahle worked under the tutelage of Ph.D. mentor and human geneticist Richard Lifton. During that time, he was integral in the cloning and characterization of a novel kinase signaling pathway (WNK), which regulates electrolyte homeostasis in humans. His long-term goal is to become a pediatric neurosurgeon and conduct research on how alterations in chloride transport and the transporters and channels that handle this ion are involved in neurological disease, such as epilepsy and cerebral edema.

"The CNS prides itself on its rich legacy of leadership and innovation in educational programming for neurosurgeons – programming that is aimed at improving overall health, both here in the United States and throughout the world," said Dr. Aviva Abosch, MD PhD, CNS Fellowship Committee Chair. "This aspect of the CNS mission is essential for the advancement of global neurosurgery, which is why we are honored to present this year's Christopher Getch Fellowship to Dr. Kahle, in recognition of his commitment to education and further development of treatments that will have a significant impact on neurosurgical practice."

Dr. Getch was an inspiring leader who worked tirelessly on behalf of the CNS, its members, and the profession of neurosurgery. In less than 15 years, Dr. Getch rose to the top of national neurosurgical leadership, including progressively increased responsibilities in leading the CNS, culminating with his role as president from 2010 to 2011. Dr. Getch was also president of the Illinois State Neurosurgical Society and had been an active member in the Medical Faculty Senate Council for Northwestern University and several Northwestern Memorial Hospital committees. Dr. Getch passed away unexpectedly on January 9, 2012.

In addition to the Getch Fellowship, the CNS annually provides fellowship awards in several neurosurgical subspecialties in order to support its mission of enhancing overall health and advancing neurosurgical education and scientific exchange. Following is the list of 2013 fellowship award recipients.

Award	Recipient	Current Location	Fellowship Locat

CNS Functional Fellowship	Jonathan Riley	Emory University	Emory University
CNS Spine Fellowship	Andrew Healy	Cleveland Clinic	Cleveland Clinic
CNS Tumor Fellowship	Wajd Al-Holou	University of Michigan	University of Michi
CNS Tumor Fellowship	Ali Ravanpay	University of Washington	University of Wash
CNS Vascular Fellowship	Douglas Cook	University of Toronto	Queen's University
CNS Socioeconomic Fellowship	John Rolston	University of California, San Francisco	University of Califo Francisco
CSNS/CNS Medical Student Fellowship	Travis Ladner	Vanderbilt University School of Medicine	Vanderbilt Univers of Medicine

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