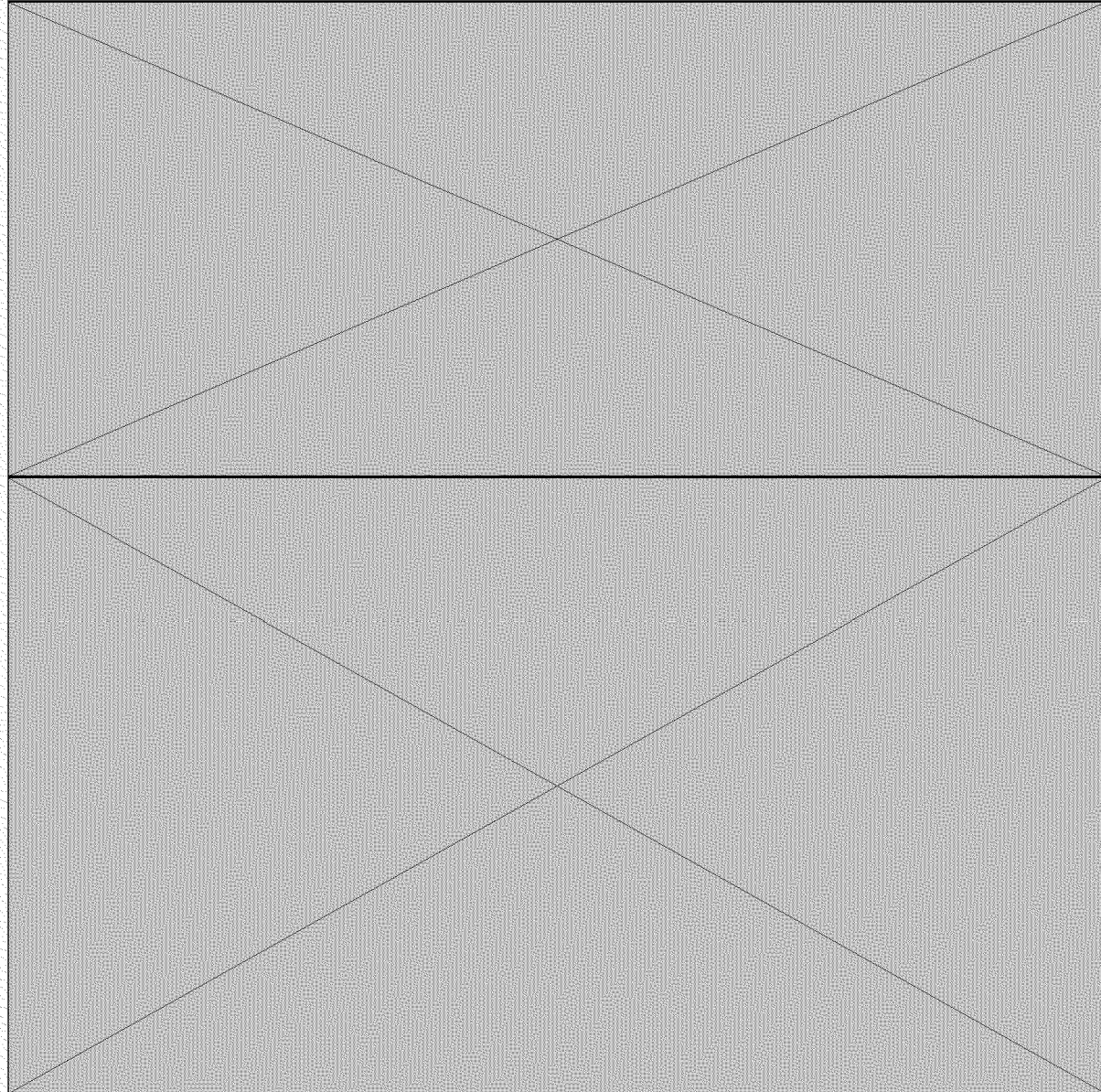


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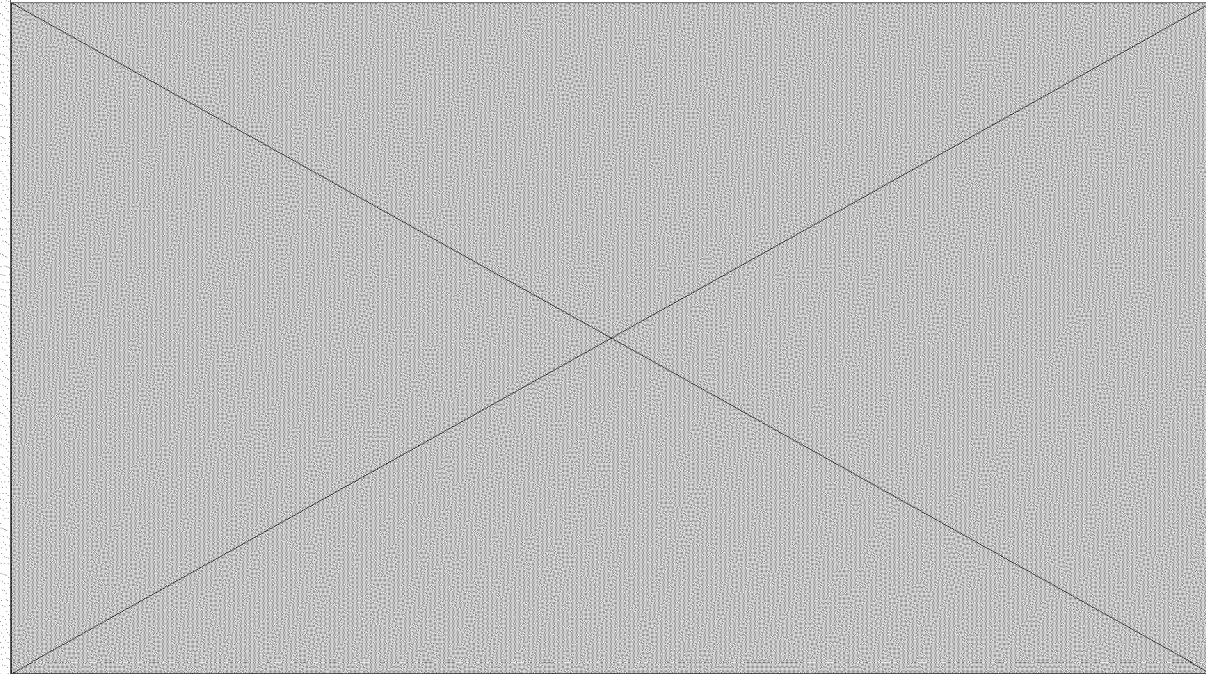
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Dear Friends,

On Saturday, October 14th, we held our annual Discovery Forum in Washington, DC. The forum, now in its second year, brought together leaders with affiliations in academia, biotech, government, research, and clinical settings. The driving concept of the forum was to disrupt to the status quo, bring novel perspective of value to the field, and catalyze cross-functional collaboration... We present this special issue of Research 1st to inform our community about this event. **[READ MORE](#)**

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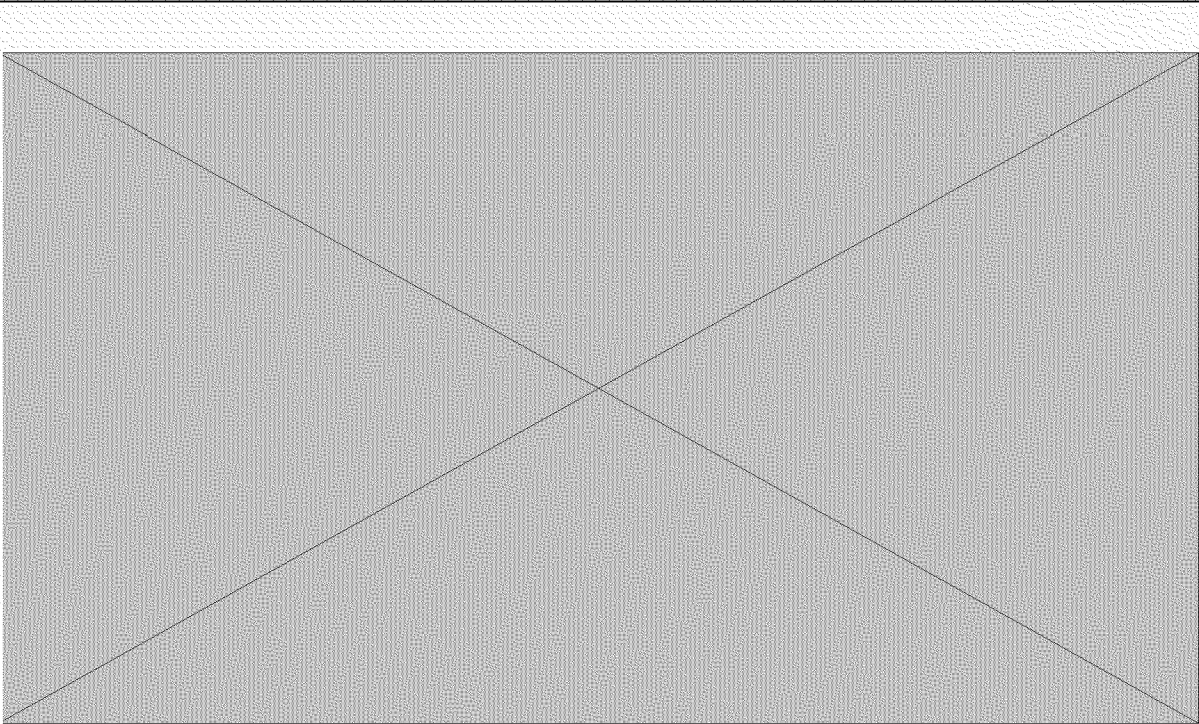
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*Presenters of Discovery Forum 2017 (from left to right): Carol Head, SMCI; Dr. Peter Rowe, Johns Hopkins; Dr. Vicky Whittemore, NIH; Dr. Susan Levine, Former CFSAC Chair; Dr. Ken Blount, Rebiotix; Dr. Charles Lapp, Hunter-Hopkins Center; Dr. Becky McNeil (**Dr. Rick Williams not pictured**), RTI International; Dr. Nancy Klimas, Nova University; Dr. Dan Peterson, Sierra Internal Medicine; Dr. Elizabeth Unger, CDC; Dr. Zaher Nahle, SMCI; Dr. Ralph Garippa, MSKCC; Dr. Cindy Bateman, Bateman Horne Center; Dr. Ian Lipkin, Columbia University; Dr. Maureen Hanson, Cornell University; and Dr. Derya Unutmaz, Jackson Laboratory.*

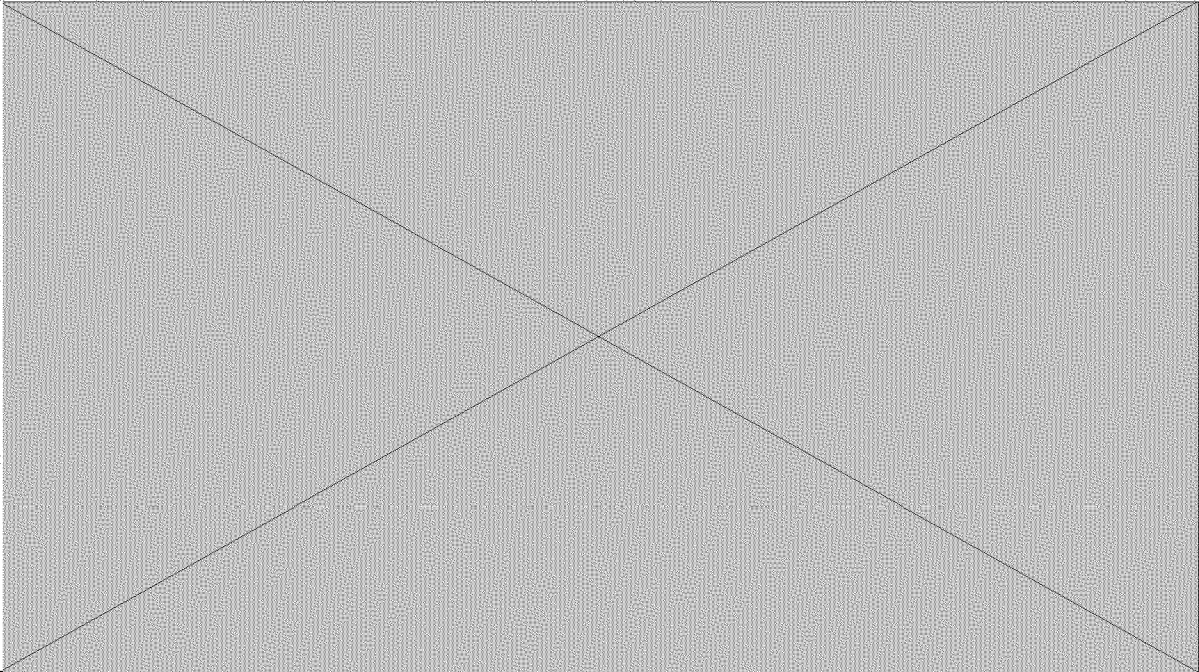
Full Presentation report from Discovery Forum 2017

The Solve ME/CFS Initiative (SMCI) held its second annual Discovery Forum Saturday, October 14, 2017. The forum dubbed “a new era in ME/CFS research” brought together leaders from academia, government agencies, private clinics, and biotech and research institutions to discuss developments in the field of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) research. Read the full report of the 15 presentations from scientists, clinicians, and key strategists in ME/CFS... [READ MORE](#)



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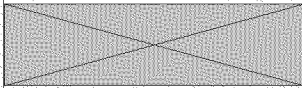
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