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# UPDATE

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### Welcome

News and highlights keeping you informed as we work together to accelerate life-changing treatments for people with progressive MS worldwide

### Alliance Welcomes V. Wee Yong, PhD to Scientific Steering Committee



Dr. V. Wee Yong will join the SSC as a representative for MS Canada. His membership for the SSC was formally approved by the Executive Committee on March 26.

Dr.Yong is a Professor at the University of Calgary in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences and Oncology, co-director of the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Program of the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, and he holds the Canada Research Chair in Neuroimmunology.

Dr. Yong received his Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and started his research career with a faculty appointment at the Montreal Neurological Institute at McGill University, followed by a relocation to Calgary in 1996. His research interests lie in the area of neuroimmunology, neuroprotection and CNS regeneration, and his projects drive impact in areas including MS, spinal cord injury and malignant gliomas.

Dr. Yong has published over 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts, and his research has been tested in clinical trials in MS and spinal cord injury. His work has been cited over 19,000 times by other authors in scientific publications. Dr. Yong is a past chair of the Medical Advisory Committee of the MS Society of Canada; this and other volunteer activities resulted in him receiving the Queen's Golden Jubilee Year Medallion in 2003. Dr. Yong is an elected fellow of both the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and the Royal Society of Canada, top honors for those working in the medical sciences.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Yong to the Alliance Scientific Steering Committee.

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