

6TH ATAXIA INVESTIGATORS MEETING

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National Ataxia Foundation

Annual Ataxia Conference

April 1-3, 2016 ★ Orlando, Florida

Hosted by the Southeast Region

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3RD AIM - 2010



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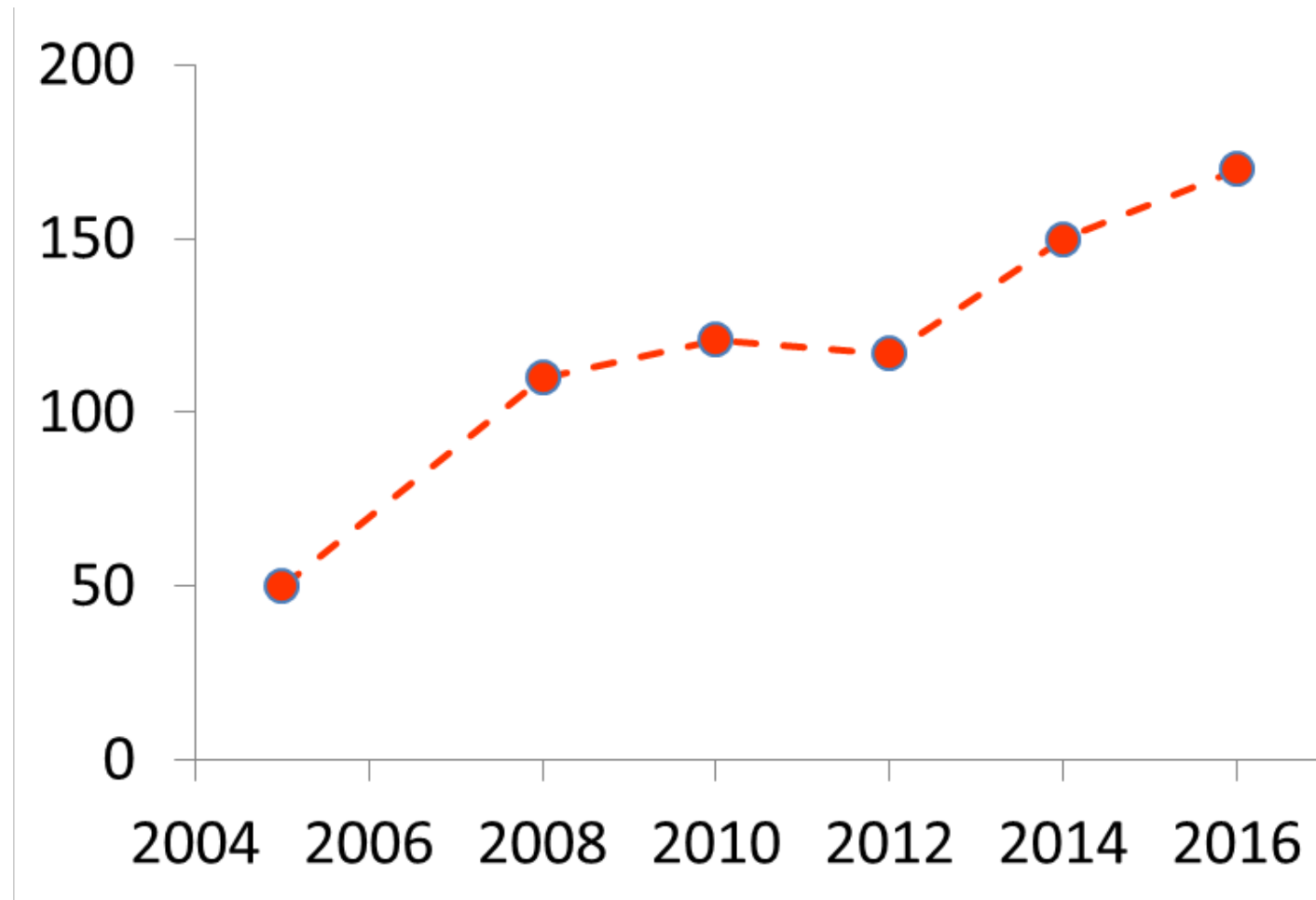
5TH AIM - 2014



6TH AIM - 2016



AIM HISTORY

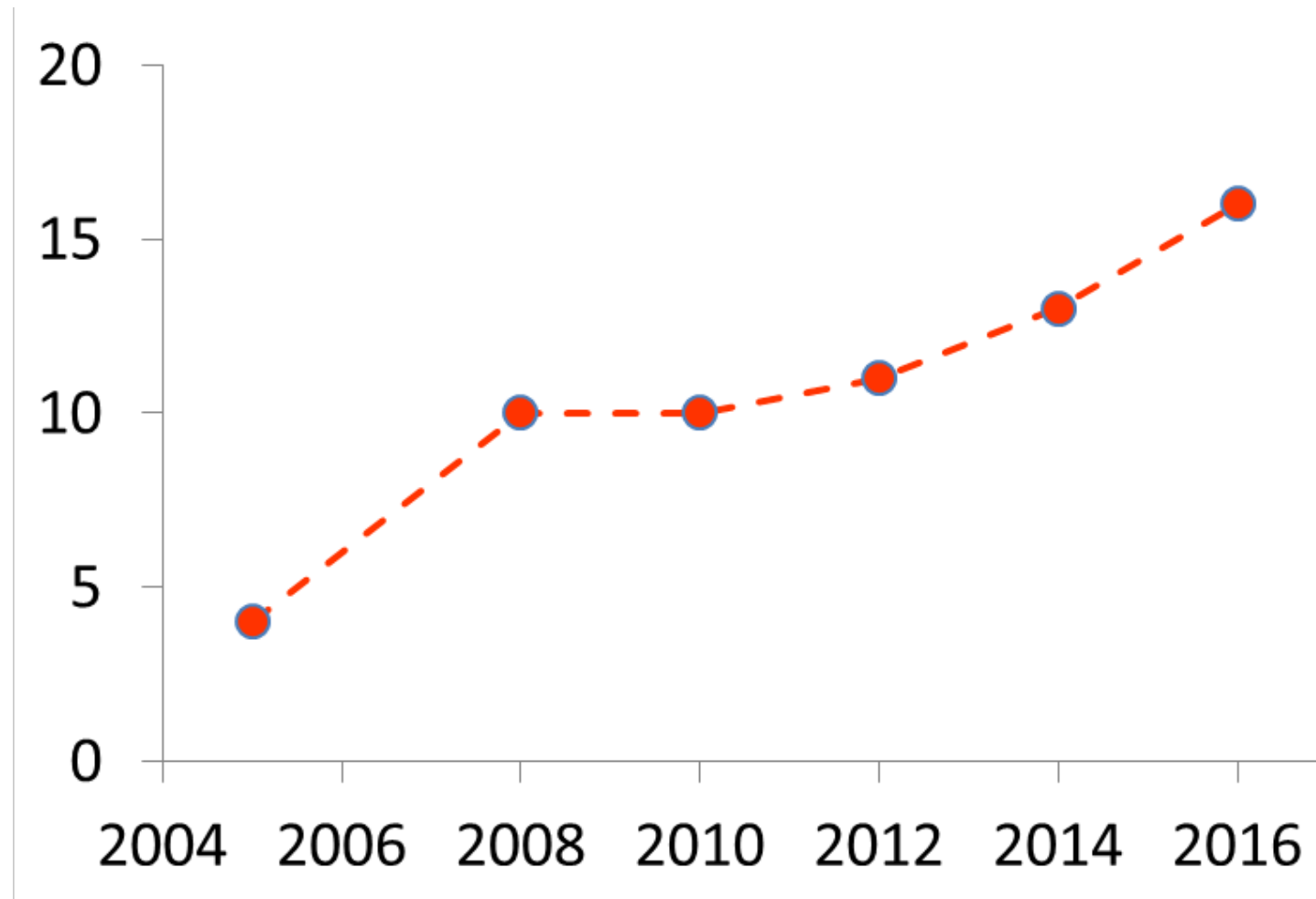


Number of attendees



170 attendees from 12 countries on 4 continents

AIM HISTORY



Number of sponsors (other than NAF)



INDUSTRY REPRESENTATION: 13

7 sponsors

6 registrants

AIM 2016 – GOALS

FROM BASIC SCIENCE TO CLINICAL THERAPEUTICS

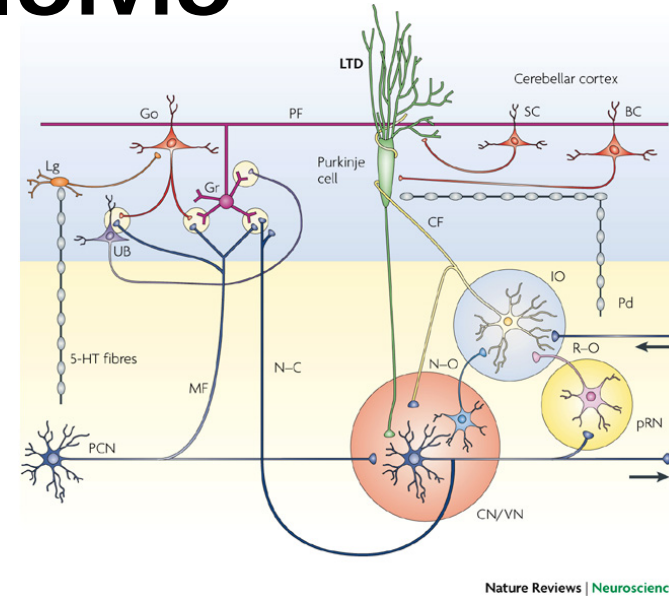
1. Identify common disease mechanisms
2. Explore therapeutic strategies at the clinical and basic science levels
3. Help establish future leaders of ataxia research by facilitating the involvement of young investigators
4. Bring trainees into contact with ataxia patients and their families

GOAL 1: DISEASE MECHANISMS

Theme 1: Cerebellar Circuitry

Theme 2: The Biological basis of Cerebellar Degeneration

Theme 3: Genomic/Genetics Approaches to Cerebellar Function and Ataxia



GOAL 2: THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES

Theme 4: Translational Research

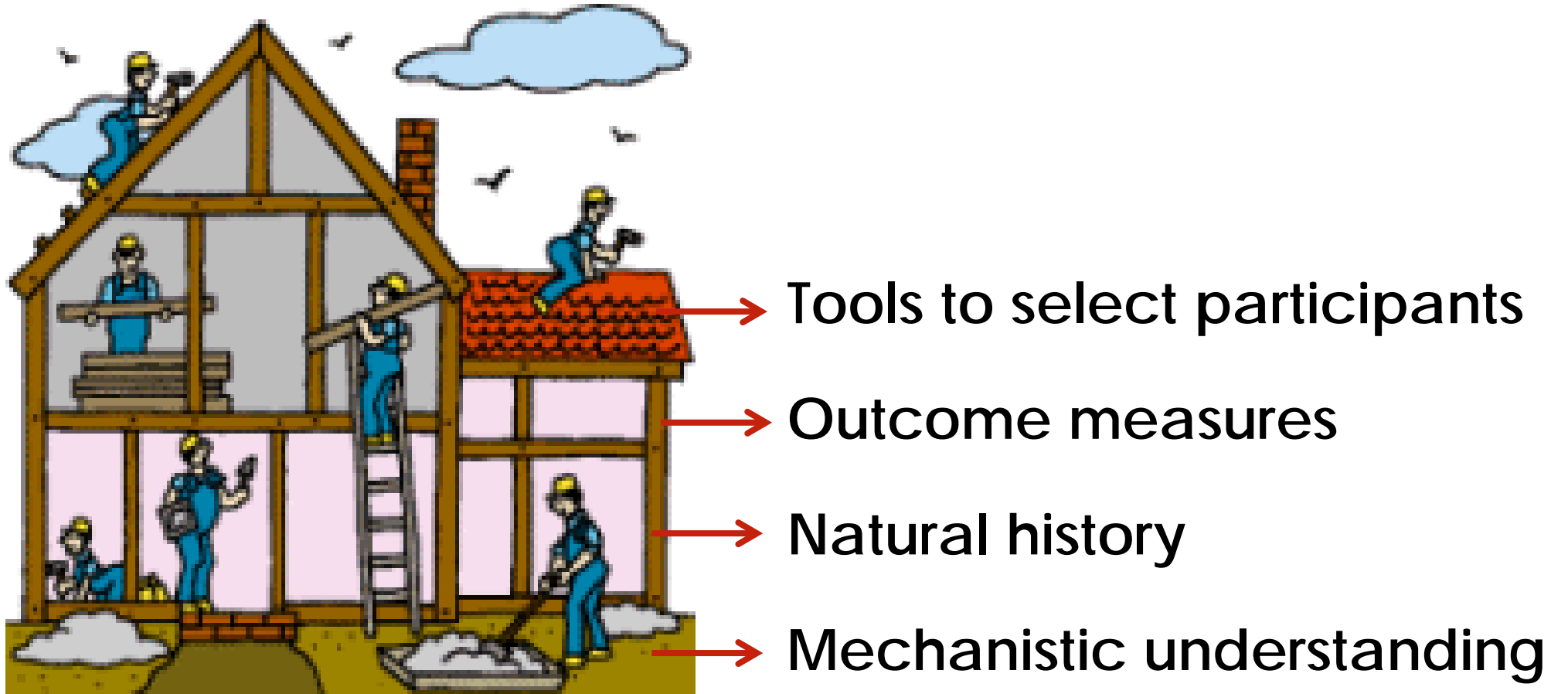
Theme 5: Drug Development & Clinical Trials

17/30 talks about therapy concepts!



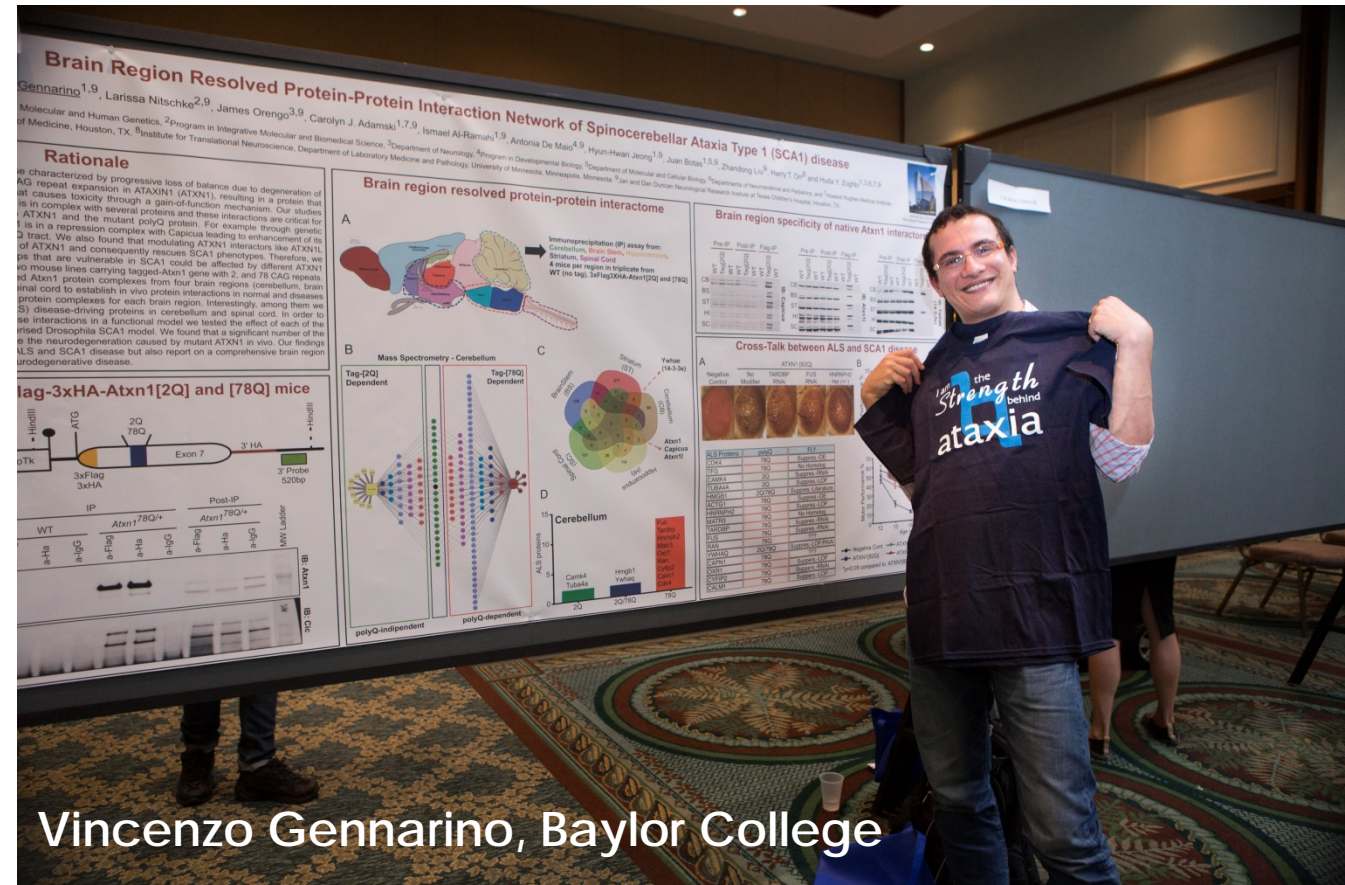
HIGHLIGHT OF AIM & SATELLITE MEETINGS:

Clinical trial readiness



GOAL 3: ESTABLISH FUTURE LEADERS OF ATAXIA RESEARCH

✓ 12 "hot chairs"



Vincenzo Gennarino, Baylor College



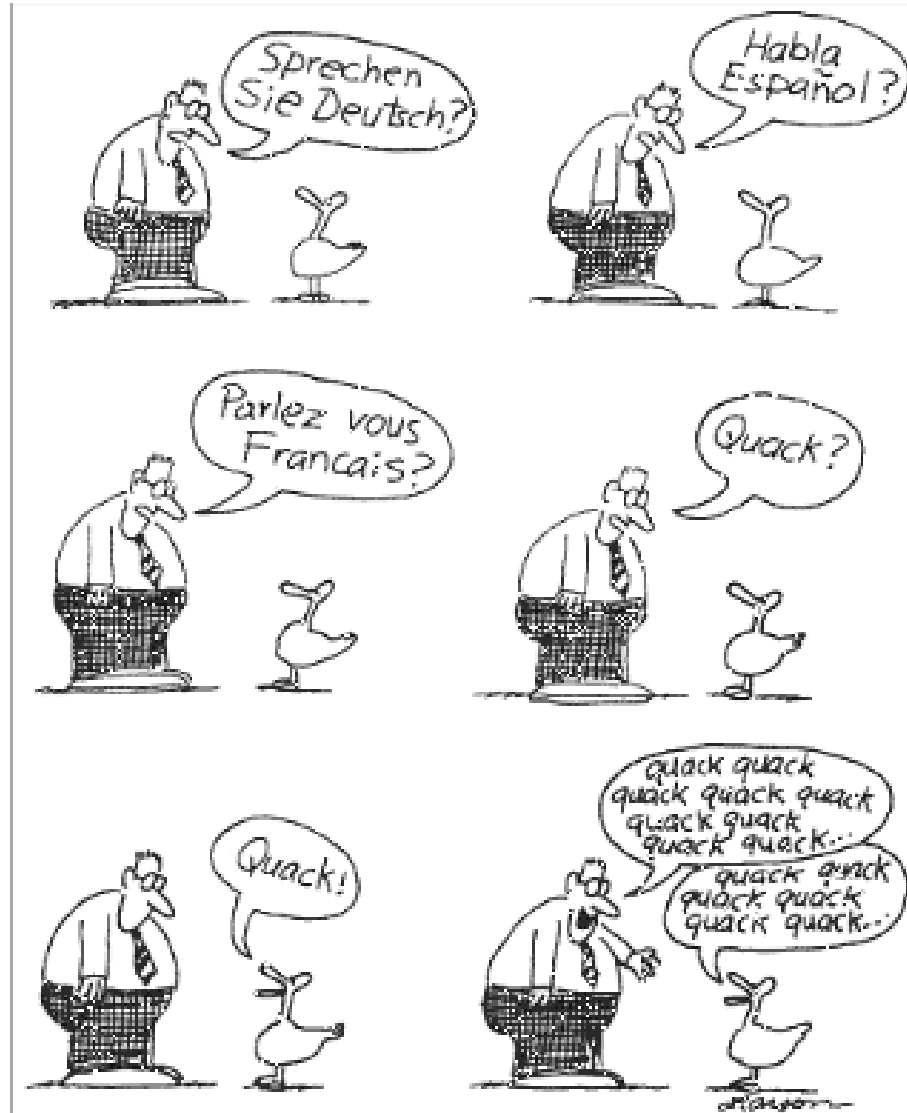
GOAL 4: BRING TRAINEES INTO CONTACT WITH PATIENTS

- ✓ Thursday dinner speakers patients & families
- ✓ Poster session for patients & families



WHAT REALLY HAPPENS

We learn to speak each other's language



WHAT REALLY HAPPENS

We shape each other's research



to raise a scientist...

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Coordination of Rare Diseases at Sanford (CoRDS) registry
- ClinicalTrials.gov
- NAF website:

<http://www.ataxia.org/about/how-you-can-help.aspx>





FUTURE: 7TH AIM

April 2-5, 2018
Philadelphia, PA

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Co-chair – Gulin Oz, PhD



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