

5th Annual WV-INBRE Summer Research Symposium

The Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University was the venue for the 5th Annual WV-INBRE Summer Research Symposium held on August 3rd, 2006. The symposium featured oral and poster presentations by participants in the state-wide network including undergraduate and graduate summer interns and a summer faculty fellow who participated in the WV-INBRE Summer Research Program. This program is conducted jointly at West Virginia University and Marshall University. Faculty and students conducting research at their home institutions also presented the results of their research activities. For the first time, undergraduate interns from the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center Summer Research Program made poster presentations of their summer research, which brought the total number of posters to 62. Oral presentations were made by the summer faculty fellow, a project investigator within the network, and five summer interns.

The keynote speaker for the symposium was Dr. Ted Torphy, Corporate Vice President for Science and Technology at Johnson & Johnson. Dr. Torphy, who received his Ph.D. in pharmacology and toxicology from West Virginia University, challenged the audience to “Imagine, Commit, and Invent” as biomedical research moves to address the health care needs of today and the future. A focus of his presentation was the concept of “technology convergence” whereby multiple disciplines have been brought together to address issues in health care and the role biomedical research has made in those advances.