



New Executive Director of ALDF

Dr. Phillip Baker, Ph.D. has recently been named as Executive Director of the ALDF by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. “We are thrilled to have Dr. Baker bring his vast expertise and leadership to our organization”, says Jeffery Black, acting Chair. Dr. Baker has more than 30 years experience as a research scientist for the National Institutes of Health and 10 years as the Program Officer for the Lyme disease research grants awarded to academic and medical research institutions by NIH. Dr. Baker is truly a scientific expert and knowledgeable of the facts about Lyme disease.

“At a time when misinformation is rampant, I am proud to continue to serve the interest of public health by heading the American Lyme Disease Foundation”, states Dr. Baker. In his first official role as Executive Director, Dr. Baker has published a paper in the July issue of [The American Journal of Medicine](#), rebutting the unsubstantiated claims of “chronic Lyme” among a small but vocal group of activists who challenge the results of mainstream medical research.

The ALDF Board of Directors also approved three new additions: Gary Wormser, M.D. of the New York Medical College, Eugene Shapiro, M.D. of the Yale University School of Medicine, and Peter Krause, M.D. of the University of Connecticut Medical Center. According to Black “These new members not only bring top-notch researchers in the field of infectious disease to the Board, but also physicians with years of hands-on experience treating patients with Lyme Disease. They are leaders in the field and will prove invaluable to the ALDF effort of educating physicians and the public”

The ALDF is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections. For many years, it has played a key role in providing scientifically reliable and evidenced-based information to the public, medical community, and government agencies through its web site (www.aldf.com) as well as sponsored scientific meetings.

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