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New York, NY: Leo J. Shea III, Ph.D., a staff psychologist at the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, has been named National Chairman of the National Research Fund for Tick-borne Disease, Inc. The NRFTD is a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization devoted strictly to raising funds in support of scientific research on tick-borne diseases. The NRFTD is committed to funding the most promising projects at premier institutions throughout the world in an effort to improve scientific understanding of this newly emerging field.

To broaden the scope of its research effort and to make pilot project funding available to researchers at academic centers throughout the United States and worldwide, the NRFTD established a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) in 2005. The SAB, which includes leading investigators from multiple institutions, maintains the strictest standards in the selection of promising grants. The NRFTD has raised \$600,000 to date and is now devoted to expanding its reach. It will fund research of the highest caliber, utilizing the expertise of investigators and academic centers throughout the world, in order to understand and eventually cure tick-borne diseases.

Leo J. Shea III, Ph.D. is Clinical Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Medicine at New York University School of Medicine and a staff psychologist at the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine. Apart from his hospital practice at Rusk, he is President of Neuropsychological Evaluation and Treatment Services, P.C. which provides diagnostic, training, and rehabilitation treatment services to individuals, families corporations and public/private litigators in the fields of head injury, chronic illness and post traumatic stress and executive life.

During his career, Dr. Shea has served both as a senior executive in a number of international corporations, as well as consultant to international corporations and public institutions such as the United Nations, on issues of human resources, health care, trauma and organizational and political issues.

He maintains private practices both in New York and Massachusetts with an emphasis on forensic brain injury, chronic illness and post-traumatic stress, as well as organizational and psychotherapeutic consultations to individuals, families systems and work force systems in corporate, non-profit and religious institutions.

In addition to holding multiple Master's Degrees in Counseling Psychology, Hispanic Pastoral Ministry, and Clinical Psychology, he has a Ph.D. with dual specialties in Clinical Psychology and Clinical Neuropsychology and is a graduate of the Organizational Development and Consultation Program at the William Alanson White Institute for Psychoanalysis, Psychiatry and Psychology in New York City where he serves on the Institute's Trauma Response Training Committee.