

PRESS RELEASE – The Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation is pleased to announce that the first biannual Excellence in Research Awards will be given to two young researchers presenting abstracts at the Sixth International Myotonic Dystrophy Consortium (IDMC-6) in Milan, Italy on September 15, 2007. The Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation is a U.S. charitable organization established to lead and mobilize resources toward effective management, treatment and a cure for myotonic dystrophy through education, advocacy, and research. The Excellence in Research Awards were established by the MDF to encourage young scientists and researchers to pursue a career toward discovering a cure for Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy. The MDF in conjunction with a board of internationally recognized advisors will present the awards at the end of IDMC-6. For further information, please contact Shannon Lord <u>smlord@mindspring.com</u>, (404) 252-5451.