



THE LEGACY OF ANGELS FOUNDATION

# KRABBE TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH NETWORK (KTRN) MEETING

*Dates: April 22nd-24th, 2020*

**SHERATION SANDKEY RESORT-  
CLEARWATER, FLORIDA**

Abstract Submissions Due-Monday, February 10th, 2020

*Visit: [TLOAF.org](http://TLOAF.org) for the Abstract Submission Form*

# KTRN Information



## What is the KTRN meeting?

The Krabbe Translational Research Network (KTRN) meeting brings together a global network of cohorts to advance research in biology, chemistry, physics, and related therapeutic technologies for the purpose of advancing treatment for those diagnosed with Krabbe disease.

## What is the Purpose of the KTRN?

To foster a robust exchange of ideas, discuss pre/post publication research and identify partnership opportunities to accelerate developments.

## How many KTRN meetings have taken place?

A total of 8 KTRN meetings have been held in various areas of the United States. Dr. Maria Escolar, Professor of Pediatrics and Neurodevelopmental Disabilities at the University of Pittsburgh, was awarded a TLOAF grant to lead the KTRN efforts the following years: 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2018.

However, in 2019, The Legacy of Angels Foundation believed it was in the best interest of the Krabbe disease research community to lead the KTRN efforts utilizing the Gordon Conference Model. The April 2020 KTRN meeting will be the 2nd meeting held under the direction of TLOAF.

Please note: The KTRN meeting did not occur in 2011 and 2017.

## I am doing research in Krabbe disease or a closely related disease that may help aid therapeutic advancements. Can I attend?

Yes, we would love to hear from you! The first step is to complete the KTRN abstract form found on our website by **Monday, February 10th, 2020** and email it to [stacypike@tloaf.org](mailto:stacypike@tloaf.org). The abstracts are used to select our platform speakers. If your abstract is not selected for a platform speaker position, you may be offered the opportunity to present your work during our poster session. The KTRN Steering Committee for TLOAF will notify you by **Monday, March 2nd, 2020** with one of the following responses: (1) you've been selected as a platform speaker; (2) you've been selected to present your work during our poster session; (3) your work at this time does not fit the needs of our meeting and we respectfully decline.

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**Please Note:** This is a meeting and not a conference. The Legacy of Angels Foundation along with the KTRN Steering Committee works diligently in selecting individuals who are focused on working collaboratively to expedite therapeutic developments in the Krabbe disease space. A limited number of participants will be invited to allow for a robust exchange of information, to break down barriers between disciplines and to aid participants in identifying collaborative projects to accelerate scientific/clinical studies.

## **Is there a Poster Session?**

Yes, we will have a poster session this year. Please submit an abstract if you are interested in participating in this part of the KTRN meeting.

## **Are international experts in Krabbe disease allowed to attend?**

Yes! We encourage international researchers to submit an abstract form found on our website by **Monday, February 10th, 2020** and email it to [stacypike@tloaf.org](mailto:stacypike@tloaf.org). We will notify you by **Monday, March 2nd, 2020** if you've been selected to attend.

## **How much does it cost to attend?**

At this time, TLOAF pays for airfare, hotel, and meals for the clinicians and researchers selected as a platform speaker or for the poster presenter.

## **Can I bring one of my staff members to attend?**

You can download the "KTRN Staff Request Form" located on our website. Please email these requests to [heathertechmeier@tloaf.org](mailto:heathertechmeier@tloaf.org). Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. If we do not approve your request, it's possible we will grant your staff member permission to attend but the costs will **not** be covered by TLOAF. All requests need to be submitted on or before **Monday, March 9th, 2020**.

## **Is Industry a part of this meeting?**

Yes, please reach out to [stacypike@tloaf.org](mailto:stacypike@tloaf.org) expressing your interest in becoming an industry sponsor for the 2020 KTRN meeting.

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