Dr. Richard A. Chaifetz is the Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ComPsych Corporation, the world’s largest provider of employee assistance programs and the pioneer and leading provider of fully integrated employee assistance, behavioral health, wellness, work-life, and human resource administration services. ComPsych provides services to more than 62 million individuals and 23,000 organizations throughout the U.S. and more than 120 countries.

Dr. Chaifetz has served on the board of directors to several public and private corporations which currently include Pixel Press, Save Wave, Kennet Partners and Vistria Group. He is on the board of trustees of The Field Museum of Natural History, Saint Louis University, TCS Education System and the Miami University Farmer School of Business.

Richard and his wife Jill are active philanthropists through their Chaifetz Family Foundation. Notable gifts include the Chaifetz Arena at Saint Louis University, Chaifetz Trading Center at Miami University Farmer School of Business, Richard and Jill Chaifetz Curator of Zoology at the Field Museum, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Foundation Forward

BRF welcomes Dr. Richard A. Chaifetz to our Board of Trustees

Brain Research Foundation brought together Chicago’s top neuroscientists and students to unveil new research on Alzheimer’s disease, autism, vision and aging at Lurie Medical Research Center of Northwestern University.

Graduate students and post-doctoral fellows presented nearly 50 posters at this unique forum evaluated by a team of neuroscientists representing various Chicago institutions. Immediately following the presentations, lecturers covered key areas in the field. The event ended with four prizes given to the top four poster presenters.

Among the researchers who presented posters was SangWook Lee from the University of Chicago who used the video game “Pong” to explore how the brain makes visual decisions.

Dr. Claire Piochon from the University of Chicago identified deficits in synaptic plasticity and pruning as potential causes for motor problems in autism.

According to research done by Dr. Katherine Sadleir from Northwestern University, blocking an increase of BACE1 protein could be therapeutically useful in slowing or preventing Alzheimer’s.

Dr. Nicola Corbett from Rush University explored why many aged individuals present with impaired forms of learning and memory without ever being diagnosed with dementia.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2015 Neuroscience Day poster presentations:

Post Doctoral Fellows

Dr. Rodolfo Gatto
University of Illinois at Chicago
Addressing the in vivo contribution of JNK3 to Huntington’s disease pathogenesis

Dr. Virginie Buggia-Prevot
The University of Chicago
A function for EHD family proteins in unidirectional retrograde dendritic transport of BACE1 and Aβ production

Graduate Students

Shannon Wolfman
The University of Chicago
Cellular and synaptic mechanisms of nicotine aversion

Trisha Mukherjee
The University of Chicago
Shared sensory estimates for human motion perception and pursuit eye movements