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**NutriCore Funding to Facilitate LSU Researchers Post Katrina**

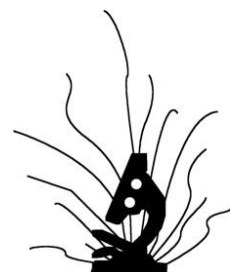
YORK, PA. – February 1, 2006 – The National Center of Excellence in Foods and Nutrition Research (NutriCore NorthEast) will direct 40% of its 2006 Federal Appropriation of \$80,000 for Health and Nutrition Research to a project at The Research Institute for Children at Children’s Hospital and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans.

The research, titled “Modulation of Inflammatory Markers Associated with Innate Immunity by Mushrooms”, will determine whether or not mushrooms can build up our immunity to diseases and infections and will be evaluated at the human cell level. The research will be led by Principal Investigator Solo Kuvibidila, Ph.D., Research Associate Professor at LSU, whose work was interrupted by Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Kuvibidila has over 25 years of Nutritional Biochemistry & Metabolism research experience since graduating from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

According to Mary Jo Feeney, nutrition consultant to the Mushroom Council who is partnering with NutriCore to fund mushroom based studies, this project is “a rather novel investigation– which if positive could put the mushroom industry on the cutting edge in this type of immunity research.”

“We are excited because these studies have the potential to advance our understanding of how nutrition influences our susceptibility to infection, and whether we can stimulate the immune system through nutritional supplementation.” Dr. Seth Pincus, MD, Director of the Research Institute for Children.

“With our recent designation as national headquarters for NutriCore, this important research marks our first experience outside of the northeast and clearly elevates our position on the national food and nutritional health research scene,” commented Darrell Auterson, President of NutriCore NorthEast.



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