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**RESEARCHERS ASSEMBLE AT WORKSHOP TO EXPEDITE WORK  
ON INFANTILE AND LATE INFANTILE BATTEN DISEASE**

**(Columbus, OH)** Bethesda, Maryland was the site for the November conference entitled: **"Translational Research Priorities for Infantile (CLN1) and Late Infantile (CLN2) Forms of Batten Disease"**. This conference was organized by David Pearce and Beverly Davidson from the University of Iowa. Speakers included those currently working on INCL and LINCL to present their most recent work. In addition, researchers who are not currently working on these disorders were present and made presentations of their research that could potentially impact or augment current INCL/LINCL research activities. As the title of the workshop indicates, **the primary goal of the workshop was to bring researchers together to expedite new approaches and research towards developing therapeutic strategies for these devastating disorders.**

The conference was supported by National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Batten Disease Support & Research Association, Blake's Purpose, Drew's Hope Research Foundation, Fight for Nicolas, Hope 4 Bridget, Jasper Against Batten, Mary Payton's Miracle Foundation, Noah's Hope, and Our Promise to Nicholas Foundation.

**A Deadly Disease with No Cure**

**Batten disease is a rare, genetic neurological disorder that affects children and adolescents.** Over time, affected children suffer mental impairment, worsening seizures, and progressive loss of sight and motor skills. Eventually, children with Batten disease become blind, bedridden, and unable to communicate. It does not discriminate against age, race, or socioeconomic status. Presently, there is no effective treatment for the disease and the disease is always fatal.

**About the Batten Disease Support and Research Association**

The Batten Disease Support and Research Association (BDSRA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is the largest support and research organization in North America for families that have children with the disease. Continued research efforts hold the key to the future for these children. **While there is promise in the research for an eventual cure, funding for such research is costly. For more information on how you can help support Batten disease and the families it affects, please visit our website at [www.bdsra.org](http://www.bdsra.org) or contact Adina Ryan, Director of Development at [aryan@bdsra.org](mailto:aryan@bdsra.org).**