

Thomas E. Heftler Migraine Research Award

The American Headache Society® and the Migraine Research Foundation are pleased to announce that **Marcela Romero-Reyes, DDS, PhD**, has been awarded the 2009 Thomas E. Heftler Migraine Research Award for her proposal, “The effect of the CGRP receptor antagonist BIBN4096BS on the response to trigeminal nociception, activation and pro-inflammatory cytokine release.”

Dr. Romero-Reyes is the first recipient of the Heftler award, which was created and funded by the Migraine Research Foundation in memory of Mr. Heftler who was a founding member of the MRF Board of Directors. The \$10,000 award recognizes the most innovative research proposal in migraine by a neurology resident or headache medicine fellow in an accredited U.S. program.

Dr. Romero-Reyes will conduct her research at NYU College of Dentistry in New York City, working in collaboration with Dr. Andrew Charles, Director, Headache Research and Treatment Program in the Department of Neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Dr. Romero-Reyes received her DDS from the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico and her PhD in Oral Biology from UCLA.

The Migraine Research Foundation is the only organization whose sole purpose is to raise funds for innovative scientific research to further the understanding of the causes and mechanisms of migraine, to develop improvements in treatment, and to find the cure.

The American Headache Society® is a professional organization comprised of physicians and other health care professionals dedicated to improving the care and lives of headache sufferers. AHS will administer the award and provide a forum for presenting the research results at the AHS Annual Scientific Meeting.

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