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- [REGISTER TODAY for the 6th Alcor Conference: An Inside Look at the Science and Medicine of Tomorrow](#)

A new presentation has been added to the Alcor conference which will be of interest to many Alcor members. Dr. Michael Riskin will be joined by Tanya Jones to discuss Alcor's wealth preservation trust. This trust is intended to enable Alcor members to protect their assets while in cryopreservation and includes special provisions addressing the long-term financial needs of Alcor members. The presentation will provide a brief history of how this trust was developed and update you on its current status. There will be an overview of the financial aspects of the trust and how it is structured, including the ways it differs from other perpetual trusts.

Registration is nearly complete for the 6th Alcor Conference being held at the Scottsdale Marriott in Arizona from October 6-8. Visit www.alcor.org to register. Check the website regularly for full conference details and updates.

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- [Annual Board Meeting Results](#)

On Saturday, September 9, Alcor conducted its annual board meeting. All directors and officers were re-elected.

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- [Engineering and Research Developments](#)

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Significant progress is being made in the construction and programming the new whole body perfusion system. Orders have been made with local contractors for components that will not be made in house.

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- [Alcor Training Sessions](#)

Alcor training sessions are given throughout the year in a variety of locations for the purpose of training individuals to perform cryopreservation stabilization and transport procedures. Those who do not wish to participate are welcome to observe or simply stop by to meet Alcor representatives.

Join us this weekend for our Texas training session (September 23- 24).

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- [Training Update](#)

Our most recent training session was held in southern California, with all the regular members attending plus one new addition.

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- [Membership Update & Public Affairs](#)

On August 31, 2006, Alcor had 809 members on its Emergency Responsibility List. Four memberships were approved during this month, no memberships were reinstated, no memberships were cancelled and no members were cryopreserved. Overall, there was a net gain of four members this month.

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- [Cryonics Documentary](#)

A series called Naked Science on the National Geographic Channel will include a documentary entitled "Freeze Me" about a patient recently cryopreserved by the Alcor Foundation. The documentary is set to air on Wednesday, September 20th at 10pm EST.

[Additional air dates](#)

- [Peter Thiel pledges \\$3.5 Million to antiaging](#)

research

Peter A. Thiel, co-founder and former CEO of online payments system PayPal, Founder and Managing Member of Clarium Capital Management, a San Francisco-based hedge fund, and angel investor in social networking site Facebook, has announced his pledge of \$3.5 Million to support scientific research into the alleviation and eventual reversal of the debilities caused by aging, to be conducted under the auspices of the Methuselah Foundation, a charity co-founded and Chaired by Dr. Aubrey de Grey.

[Full Story.](#)

- **Christopher Polge Dies**

Christopher Polge, who died on August 17 aged 80, attained scientific eminence at a remarkably early age: his discovery, whilst still a doctoral student, of how to preserve living cells and tissues at very low temperatures solved a long-standing and intractable problem in biology.

This breakthrough not only formed the basis for the new science of cryobiology but has also had profound and continuing practical implications for agriculture and medicine.

[Full Story.](#)

- **Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2006, at 11:00 AM (MST). Board meetings are typically held on the first Saturday of the month at the Alcor facility (7895 East Acoma Drive in Scottsdale, AZ). Members and the public are encouraged to attend.

- **Alcor United**

Alcor members have a forum where they can meet and chat with other members. Get to know other cryonics supporters in your area and around the world by visiting Alcor United: www.alcorunited.org

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