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To all of you who wish to support research on ARSACS,

I hope you and your family are doing well in this time of pandemic.

This year, the *Diner des Producteurs*, the major fundraising event for ARSACS research originally scheduled for November 4th, did not take place. The Foundation's Board of Directors preferred to cancel the event rather than attempt to change the format we have now known for 13 years. Thankfully, research has not slowed down and the need to raise funds differently had to be considered.

Consequently, it is with great enthusiasm that the Foundation is launching today its 2020-2021 fundraising campaign. The funds required to cover the various research expenses for 2021 has been set at \$1.6 million setting the goal of raising such amount.

Once again, the Foundation is funding high-potential research projects as well as a clinical trial of a repurposed drug. We cannot resign ourselves to terminate medical research funding and accordingly, we pursue our work to find a cure for this disease. For your information, we attached a summary of all the research projects funded by the Foundation in 2020.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this letter. Please know that your help is crucial for the continuation of the Foundation and its mission.

Sincerely,



Jean Groleau
President