



**Mark J. Soloski, Ph.D., Professor of Medicine, Receives the Fondazione CON IL SUD award, by the Fulbright Scholar Program to Italy to conduct research on Tick-borne Diseases in Sardinia as well as Teach in Immunological Sciences**

The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Dr. Mark J. Soloski of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to Italy in the field of Microbiology and Immunology. Dr. Soloski will conduct research and lecture at the University of Sassari as part of a project to understand the extent of Tick-Borne Diseases in Sardinia.

Dr. Soloski is one of over 800 U.S. citizens who will teach, conduct research, and/or provide expertise abroad for the academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the award will be made during the 2021-2022 academic year. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as record of service and demonstrated leadership in their respective fields.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program and is designed to build lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program, which operates in over 160 countries worldwide.

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