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Powerful ideas with global reach

 Milken Institute experts are in demand worldwide

Expertise from the Institute is in demand around the world, as a glance at the travel schedules of senior staff will demonstrate. This month, *FasterCures'* [Margaret Anderson](#) addressed leaders of the

biotechnology community at CALBIO2015 in San Francisco, exploring the importance of patient input in the [REDACTED] decision-making process. Last month, [Melissa Stevens](#) of *FasterCures* offered policy recommendations on dementia at the World Innovation Summit for Health in Doha, Qatar, while [Staci Warden](#) of the Center for Financial Markets journeyed to Rwanda to keynote the Capital Markets East Africa International Conference. In January, the Milken Institute's [Ross DeVoi](#) keyed the Site Selectors Guild annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico, sharing insights from our work in regional economic development. And [Paul Irving](#), of the Center for the Future of Aging, spoke on "Beneficial Purpose and the New Culture of Aging" at a recent Echoing Green conference in New York. When it comes to empowering people with ideas, these and other Institute experts are making a difference.

Mike Milken receives leadership award from Research!America

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Institute Chairman Michael Milken was honored to receive the Gordon and Llura Gund Leadership Award from Research!America on March 11. This award recognizes his four-decade commitment to the advancement of science and continued investment in research.

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