

Elias Zerhouni, M.D., Joins the FNIH Board of Directors

NORTH BETHESDA, MD, January 2, 2019 — The Board of Directors of the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH) welcomes distinguished scientific leader Elias Zerhouni, M.D., as its latest member. The FNIH Board of Directors elected Dr. Zerhouni in May 17, 2018 and his appointment takes effect on January 1, 2019.

“We are so pleased to welcome Elias to the FNIH Board of Directors,” said Steven M. Paul, M.D., Chairman of the FNIH Board. “His breadth of experience — from his time in academia to the directorship NIH and to the private sector — will bring vital perspectives to the Board that can only bolster our efforts to advance biomedical innovation and discovery.”

Dr. Zerhouni is Professor Emeritus at the Johns Hopkins University, and was most recently the President, Global Research & Development for Sanofi from January 2011 to July 2018. Dr. Zerhouni’s academic career was spent at the Johns Hopkins University and Hospital where he was Professor of Radiology and Biomedical Engineering and Senior Adviser for Johns Hopkins Medicine. He served as Chair of the Russell H. Morgan Department of Radiology and Radiological Sciences, Vice Dean for Research and Executive Vice Dean of the School of Medicine from 1996 to 2002 before his appointment as Director of the National Institutes of Health by President George W. Bush from 2002 to 2008.

In 2009, President Obama appointed Dr. Zerhouni as one of the first presidential U.S. science envoys. Dr. Zerhouni also served as senior fellow to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation from 2009 to 2010. He has authored more than 200 scientific publications and is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Medicine and the U.S. National Academy of Engineering.

“I am truly honored to help serve again the mission of the NIH as a member of the Board of the Foundation for the NIH,” said Dr. Zerhouni.

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