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Message from the John & Donna Krenicki Director of Integrative Neuroscience:

As card carrying neuroscientists, you are all intimately aware that the brain and spinal cord compose the central nervous system and their inherent importance to normal function and activity. Traumatic injuries and degenerative diseases of the brain and spinal cord can be debilitating on a number of levels. There are excellent researchers here at Purdue striving to understand these areas of neurotrauma and neurodegeneration, spanning the biophysical mechanisms of pathology, novel early diagnostic and prognostic techniques, and effective mitigation strategies to ameliorate the functional consequences of disease or injury. This is one of many areas of strength we would like to grow at Purdue, and I am here to assist. My name is Riyi Shi, and I currently serve on the PIIN leadership team. Along with my colleagues, Keith Kluender, Pedro Irazoqui, Chris Rochet, and our Director, Donna Fekete, we are working towards uniting key research themes. If you choose to join us for our Integrative Neuroscience Retreat on **May 17th and 18th** (Yes, you should save the date) we hope to discuss some of these ideas with you further.

- Riyi Shi

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