



**Dr. Jonathan Cooper** is a research scientist whose lab at Washington University in St. Louis is working to understand Batten disease and test new ways we might be able to treat it. Most of this work has focused on the brain, but he now spends a lot of time looking at the effects of disease on the rest of the body. While much of this work is done in mice, he has also been using larger animal models to test how to scale up the delivery of therapy to a more complex brain. He organized the International Congress on Batten Disease Research, NCL 2021, held in St Louis (and online). He again helped to put together the BDSRA's Scientific Update session, restructuring it to make it more accessible for families. He has been coming to the BDSRA Annual Family Conference for over 20 years and is looking forward to seeing Batten families in person again in St. Louis!

