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Stephen J. Galli, MD, Receives the 2014 ASIP Rous-Whipple Award



Dr. Stephen J. Galli, Chair of Pathology, Stanford University, is the 2014 recipient of the ASIP Rous-Whipple award, which is presented to a senior scientist with a distinguished career in research who has advanced the understanding of disease and has continued productivity at the time of this award.

Dr. Galli is a “world leader in efforts to understand the development and functional repertoires of mast cells, and to define their roles in health and disease” according to Dr. Irving Weissman of Stanford University Medical School. Dr. Weissman states further that Dr. Galli has “provided experimental tools and novel findings that have been responsible for major advances both in the ability to study mast cells and their biochemistry, cell biology, and function in vitro and in our understand of the roles of mast cells in health and disease.” Dr. Galli’s major recent focus has been on mast cells but Dr. Weissman points out that he has also “made important contributions to our understanding of basophils.”

Dr. Juan Rivera of NIH regards Dr. Galli to be “among the very best scholars in investigative pathology and immunology, exceptional as a highly rigorous and innovative researcher, and an outstanding and world-recognized leader and administrator of the scientific research enterprise.” Dr. Rivera also praises Dr. Galli by stating: “The leadership positions in both science and education held by Dr. Galli throughout his career are the clearest reflection of the high regard and recognition bestowed upon him.” Dr. Galli is a member of a number of important societies and has given numerous keynote lectures and honorary talks. Also, Dr. Galli’s publications have been cited more than 20,000 times. Dr. Rivera furthers the importance of this by saying, “this is a remarkable citation number as over a thirty-eight year career his work has been cited an average of more than 526 times per year, clearly demonstration that his contributions are highly visible and gained recognition from the scientific community.”

Dr. Peter Howley of Harvard Medical School (a previous recipient of the Rous-Whipple Award) notes Dr. Galli’s many accomplishments, most notably, “he was a recipient of a MERIT award from NIAID” in 1995. Dr. Galli was also elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 2010. Dr. Howley also cites Dr. Galli’s many years of service as an ASIP member, “he has served on the ASIP

council, as ASIP President from 2005-2006 and headed the [2006-2007] ASIP Long Range Planning Committee.”

Dr. Galli received a BA in biology in 1968 from Harvard College and an MD from Harvard Medical School in 1973. He did his postdoctoral training with Harold F. Dvorak (also a previous recipient of the Rous-Whipple Award).

Dr. Galli presented his award lecture, “The Mast Cell-IgE Paradox: From Homeostasis to Anaphylaxis,” on Sunday, April 27, 2014 at the 2014 ASIP Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in San Diego, California. He received the Rous-Whipple Award on Monday, April 28, 2014 during the ASIP Membership Business Meeting and Awards Presentation.