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**American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) to Award
Dipak Panigrahy, MD the ASIP 2015 Cotran Early Investigator Award**



The 2015 recipient of the ASIP Cotran Early Career Investigator Award is **Dr. Dipak Panigrahy**, of Harvard Medical School. The ASIP Cotran Early Career Investigator Award is partially supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Elsevier, an ASIP Corporate Partner. This award recognizes early career investigators with demonstrated excellence as an investigator with recently established or emerging independence and with a research focus leading to an improved understanding of the conceptual basis of disease. The award is named in honor of Dr. Ramzi S. Cotran (1933-2000), a leader of pathology, formerly of Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital, and a Past President of ASIP.

Dr. Patricia d'Amore of Harvard Medical School lauds Dr. Panigrahy with having "pioneered the study of lipid mediators in angiogenesis and, in doing so, has revealed a novel pathway that may be targeted to treat and prevent metastatic disease." His paper on the topic was voted by Faculty of 1000 as one of the top 2% of publications in medicine and biology, according to Dr. D'Amore. Dr. Panigrahy has a well-known national and international presence and is a frequent invited speaker with over fifty national and international presentations.

Dr. Donald Ingber of the Wyss Institute claims that Dr. Panigrahy has "become the world-expert in the field of eicosanoids in cancer." Dr. Ingber also discusses another important breakthrough by Dr. Panigrahy through a series of papers published in *J. Clinical Investigation*, *PNAS*, and *PLoS ONE*, in which he demonstrated that the PPAR (peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors) pathway plays a central role in tumor formation.

Dr. Panigrahy has been able to "assemble and engage a willing body of co-workers who collectively possess the necessary expertise to contribute to these studies" according to Dr. Harold Dvorak of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Because of his work and his collaborations, Dr. Panigrahy has a "strong reputation in cancer and inflammation research." He has been awarded two NIH RO1 grants which Dr. Dvorak says is "an extraordinary achievement for a young investigator."

Dr. Panigrahy received his MD from Boston University School of Medicine in 1994. He was a surgery resident at UMDNJ but switched to become a research fellow at Boston Children's Hospital.

Dr. Panigrahy presented his award lecture, "Cancer Progression: The Failure to Resolve?" on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the ASIP 2015 Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in Boston, Massachusetts. He received the Cotran Early Career Investigator Award on Monday, March 30, 2015 at the ASIP Membership Business Meeting and ASIP Awards Presentation.