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Gold-Headed Cane Award – 2003 David Korn

ASIP HONORS DR. KORN WITH GOLD-HEADED CANE AWARD FOR LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT TO PATHOLOGY

Dr. Korn receives ASIP's highest award for his many contributions to biomedical research and public service to enhance services and protections for patients

The American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) names **Dr. David Korn**, Senior Vice President for Biomedical and Health Science Research at the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C., as the recipient of the 2003 Gold-Headed Cane Award in recognition of long-term outstanding contributions to pathology. The award is a mahogany cane topped with a 14 karat gold head and an engraved band and is the highest honor bestowed upon a member of ASIP.

The former President of ASIP (1987-1988 – then the American Association of Pathologists) is a leader of investigative and academic pathology and was part of the early generation of pathologists committed to molecular biology of DNA replication. Among Dr. Korn's many accomplishments, he was appointed by President Ronald Reagan as Chairman of the National Cancer Advisory Board from 1984 to 1991, he served on President Clinton's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, a panel on healthcare reform, and served on the Executive Board of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB).

"I have served with David on numerous councils, committees, and task forces on behalf of organized Pathology, including ASIP and the Association of Pathology Chairs. No one was as incisive or more supportive of the importance of research to pathology," wrote the late Dr. Ramzi Cotran, former Chairman of both the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Children's Hospital Boston Departments of Pathology.

In June 1968, Dr. Korn accepted the positions of Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology at Stanford, as well as Chief of the Pathology Service at the Stanford University Hospital. He was able to transform a small pathology department into a department of national prominence by good recruitment and support for his staff. Under his mentorship, some of the earliest examples of translational research in molecular pathology were developed.

"At Stanford University, Dr. Korn converted a relatively small department into a powerhouse for both research and diagnostic pathology. His ability for recruiting, mentoring, and supporting faculty in both research and diagnostic anatomic pathology was phenomenal," wrote Dr. Cotran.

Dr. Korn carried a number of administrative and consultative responsibilities outside of Stanford University, including serving as chairman of the Cell Biology Study Section and chairman of the Board of Scientific Counselors in the Division of Cancer Biology and Diagnosis at the National Cancer Institute. He also served on the Board of Trustees for the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology.

He was founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the California Transplant Donor Network, one of the largest organ procurement organizations. The Network helps patients in Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada receive organ and tissue transplants. In 1999, more than 200 donors provided life-sustaining organs for transplant.

Dr. Korn was also a founder of the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, a nonprofit organization that offers accreditation to institutions engaged in research involving human participants. The association strives to raise the bar in human research protection by helping institutions reach performance standards that surpass the threshold of state and federal requirements.

Recently, Dr. Korn has been active in representing the viewpoint of pathology and biomedical research to many important groups including members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, and the Board of Directors of FASEB.

"Dr. Korn has continued to make important contributions to pathology in his role as a senior statesman and spokesperson at the national level on issues including scientific integrity and scientific misconduct, conflict of interest, the protection of human subjects, and the challenges to academic health centers in the era of managed care," said Dr. Richard Lynch, Hanson Professor of Immunology in

the Department of Pathology, University of Iowa. "Dr. Korn has been particularly vocal and effective in articulating the position of pathologists and biomedical researchers with regard to the use of archival tissue samples in medical research."

His leadership role has extended outside of pathology, including chairing the National Cancer Advisory Board for eight years service and serving on numerous committees of the National Institute of Medicine and National Academy of Sciences. He has also served as chairman of the special subcommittee to review the intramural research program of the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Korn has been a member of the editorial boards of *The American Journal of Pathology*, *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*, and *Human Pathology*. He has written numerous scientific articles on biochemistry and molecular biology of DNA replication in human cells and in recent years also has written and spoken about issues of health and science policy.

Dr. Korn received his B.A. (summa cum laude) and M.D. (cum laude) from Harvard University and conducted his fellowship and residency in Pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital