

American Society for Investigative Pathology

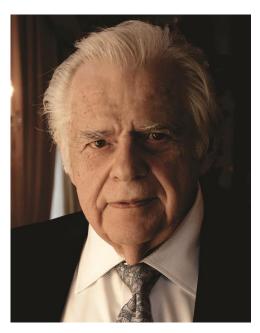
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American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) to Award Stanley Cohen, MD the 2015 ASIP Gold-Headed Cane Award



Bethesda, MD - Dr. Stanley Cohen, of Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, will receive this year's ASIP Gold-Headed Cane Award. This is the most distinctive honor granted by ASIP to a member, in recognition of long-term contributions to pathology, including meritorious research, outstanding teaching, excellence in the field, and leadership in pathology.

Dr. Cohen is best known for his "pioneering research establishing the roles of soluble mediators in the immune and inflammatory responses," according to Dr. Meera Hameed of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. She continues to highlight Dr. Cohen as "one of the original pathologists to recognize the importance of molecular biology to pathology and was able to foresee its emergence as a major part of our diagnostic armamentarium." Dr. Cohen's groundbreaking discoveries have made clear that "what were thought to be

solely mediators of delayed hypersensitivity participate in a variety of both pathological and physiological processes and play critical roles in cancer biology."

Dr. Fred Gorstein of Jefferson Medical College expounds on Dr. Cohen's many other contributions to science stating that "Dr. Cohen has established an extraordinary reputation as a brilliant, inventive scientist who set the groundwork for several new areas of investigation, an extremely effective leader and a dedicated educator." On his groundbreaking discovery, Dr. Gorstein explains "In his publications of these observations, he suggested the term "cytokines" for this class of mediators and thus helped to focus the field in a new direction. In fact, Dr. Cohen can be considered to be the father of what is now

euphemistically referred to as the discipline of "Cytokinology." Dr. Cohen has also been an "extremely effective" academic leader and mentor.

Dr. Dani Zander of Penn State Hershey Medical Center highlights Dr. Cohen's many academic achievements including 25 years as Chair of a Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine where he "steered these departments' accomplishments in all of the academic missions, and trained numerous successful pathologists and scientists." Dr. Cohen has been involved in numerous peer review panels as a reviewer and a chair. He has chaired Gordon Conferences and Lymphokine Workshops. Dr. Cohen served as an Associate Editor-in-Chief for the Clinical Immunology and Immunopathology Journal for 26 years. Dr. Zander also praises Dr. Cohen's many roles within ASIP and FASEB. Dr. Mark Sobel, ASIP's Executive Officer, adds that "Dr. Cohen served as not only president of ASIP from 2009 - 2010, but also as ASIP Secretary Treasurer from 2001-2007 and FASEB Treasurer from 2008 - 2010. He is a true leader of pathology and worthy of the Gold-Headed Cane -- a ground-breaking scientist, a mentor, an educator, and a volunteer in the service of biomedical research and science policy. And on top of all that, he is a truly nice individual and a pleasure to work with."

Dr. Cohen attended medical school at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, where he received an M.D. in 1961. He served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Hahnemann University School of Medicine from 1987 to 1994. He then became Professor and Chairman of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical Center from 1994 to 2012. He is currently the Director for the Center for Biophysical Pathology. Dr. Cohen has been a member of ASIP since 1968. Dr. Cohen will receive the Gold-Headed Cane, a mahogany cane with a 14-karat gold head and engraved band, at the ASIP 2015 Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in Boston, Massachusetts on Monday, March 30, 2015 during the ASIP Membership Business Meeting and Awards Presentation.

About the American Society for Investigative Pathology

The American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) is a society of biomedical scientists who investigate mechanisms of disease. Investigative pathology is an integrative discipline that links the presentation of disease in the whole organism to its fundamental cellular and molecular mechanisms. It uses a variety of structural, functional, and genetic techniques and ultimately applies research findings to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases. ASIP advocates for the practice of investigative pathology and fosters the professional career development and education of its members. ASIP is a member of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB – www.faseb.org), a coalition of 27 independent societies that plays an active role in supporting funding for biomedical research and the interests of 120,000 biomedical scientists.

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