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### **Nelson Fausto, MD Receives the ASIP 2010 Gold Headed Cane Award**



**Dr. Nelson Fausto**, Chair of the Department of Pathology at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, will receive this year's ASIP Gold-Headed Cane Award. This is the most definitive honor granted by ASIP to a member, and it is in recognition of long term contributions to pathology, including meritorious research, outstanding teaching, excellence in the field, and leadership in pathology.

Dr. Fausto has made major research contributions for over four decades in defining mechanisms of liver injury and regeneration. As described by Dr. Steven L. Kunkel of University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. Fausto has interwoven *in vivo* studies involving animal models with *in vitro* cell biological and biochemical approaches to assess complex pathophysiological events. Dr. Kunkel goes on to say that these studies "have substantially impacted our understanding of how the liver undergoes growth in physiology and oncologic conditions."

Dr. Fausto has been a leader in academic medicine through his teaching, mentoring, and administrative accomplishments, including founding the Department of Pathology at Brown and currently leading the Department of Pathology at the University of Washington School of Medicine, which is one of the most renowned pathology departments in the country. With an internationally recognized reputation in the field of pathology, Dr. Fausto has published over 200 manuscripts, presented over 100 lectures, and edited many books, including the classic Robbins and Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease (7th and 8th Editions). Additionally, he has a noted record of NIH grant support.

Dr. Stephen J. Galli of Stanford University School of Medicine notes that "perhaps the most extraordinary aspect of Nelson's career is the extent to which, as busy as he has been with his research program and his educational and administrative activities in his home institutions, he has made time to give exceptional service to the community of science in general, and to pathology in particular." In describing Dr. Fausto, Dr. Janardan K. Reddy of Northwestern University says he is not only "a distinguished biomedical researcher who is internationally recognized for his pioneering research contributions" but also "an outstanding human being, mentor and leader of exemplary nature who is genuinely interested in furthering academic medicine and the careers of others. He...continues to be a stellar credit to the biomedical scientific enterprise." In addition, Dr. Michael B. Cohen of University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine says the "legacy of an individual is often predicated on his impact on individuals....Nelson has had a great impact on the trainees in his own laboratory, the faculty in the two departments he has led, and other individuals that he has interacted with throughout his professional career. I myself fit into that latter category."

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Fausto served on the ASIP Executive Council in varying capacities from 1992-2006, including President of ASIP (2003-2004). Additionally, he served as Editor-in-Chief of *The American Journal of Pathology* for nearly a decade (1992-2001) and as Editor-in-Chief (founding Editor) of *The Journal of Molecular Diagnostics* from 1999-2001. Under Dr. Fausto's considerable leadership and influence, *The American Journal of Pathology's* impact factor rose to its highest levels and it became the leading journal in the field of pathology research.

Dr. Fausto has received a number of distinguished teaching awards and has continuously proved his dedication to teaching and mentoring during his long career by serving as graduate thesis sponsor for a number of students and training numerous postdoctoral fellows and residents. In 2000, Dr. Fausto therefore received the ASIP Chugai Mentoring Award, which recognized senior investigators that had distinguished their careers with a dedication to mentoring and education.

Dr. Fausto was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil where he received his MD from the University of Sao Paulo School of Medicine in 1960. After completing his pathology training in the Department of Pathology at the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison, Dr. Fausto joined the faculty of Medical Science (Pathology) at Brown University in 1966 as an Assistant Professor. He continued on at Brown to serve from 1983-1994 as the founding Chair of the

Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine before moving to Seattle to be Chair of the Department of Pathology at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

Dr. Fausto was awarded the Gold-Headed Cane, a mahogany cane with a 14-karat gold head and engraved band, at the ASIP Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA on Monday, April 26, 2010 at the Awards and Business Meeting.