Dr. John Trojanowski, M.D., Ph.D., Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, is the recipient of the 2005 Rous-Whipple Award. The Rous-Whipple Award is given to a pathologist age 50 or older with a distinguished career in research and continued productivity.

Dr. Trojanowski has conducted research at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine for more than 15 years and has made contributions of fundamental importance to the understanding of neurodegenerative diseases, such as Parkinson’s disease and Alzheimer’s disease. He has combined neuropathology with biochemistry and molecular techniques to understand the basis of neurodegenerative diseases.

“Neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson’s disease and Alzheimer’s disease are major public health problems and will increase in importance as the population ages,” said Dr. Robert Doms, M.D., Ph.D., Chair, Department of Microbiology, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Dr. Trojanowski has published more than 450 papers and has received numerous awards including the Potamkin Prize for Medical Research in Alzheimer’s disease, the Pioneer Award from the Alzheimer’s Association, and membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

He has also participated on numerous scientific committees, including Killam Research Fellowship Program from The Canada Council; the National Cancer Institute, CNS Oncology Working Group; and The Institute for the Study of Aging, Scientific Advisory Board.

Dr. Trojanowski received his B.A. from King’s College and M.D. and Ph.D. from Tuft’s University.

Dr. Trojanowski will receive the Rous-Whipple Award at ASIP’s Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology 2005 in San Diego and will present a lecture on April 4 entitled “The Alzheimer brain: finding out what’s broken tells us how to fix it.”