

ENDOWMENT FUND RESOLUTION APPROVAL

Resolution: Creation of Gabriel L. Plaa Education Award Fund

Endowment Fund Name: Gabriel L. Plaa Education Award Fund

Sponsoring Specialty Section: Mechanisms Specialty Section

Purpose: This resolution, when approved by the SOT Endowment Board and ratified by SOT Council, will create the Gabriel L. Plaa Education Award Fund. Proceeds from this Fund will be used to provide to provide cash stipends to Award recipients selected on the basis of the scientific merit of papers proposed for presentation at the Annual Meeting by graduate or post-graduate students of toxicology.

The Gabriel L. Plaa Education Award will serve to recognize Dr. Plaa's significant role in the education of graduate and post-graduate students in toxicology, and his outstanding contributions to applying mechanistic toxicology to the area chemical-induced liver injury.

Funding: The Gabriel L. Plaa Education Award is being created with an initial generous contribution from Dr. Curtis Klaassen and, with the "50th SOT Anniversary Match"; the Fund balance will start at \$15,000. It is anticipated that other former students of Dr. Plaa and other individuals will make contributions to the Fund.

It is intended that the total assets of the Plaa Fund will reach \$25,000 within 3 years to qualify it as a Permanently Restricted Net Asset Fund with continuation of the Fund in perpetuity. It is anticipated that this can be accomplished by June 30, 2010, and that the first Award from the Plaa Fund will be made for an individual to attend the 2011 SOT meeting.

Management: Recipients of the Plaa Award will be selected by a Committee appointed by the leadership of the Mechanisms Specialty Section. The Award Recipient(s) will be selected based on the scientific quality of the abstract in mechanistic

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toxicology based on research that has been accepted for presentation at an Annual Meeting of the SOT.

Background: Dr. Gabriel L. Plaa had a distinguished career in toxicology and an important role in the education of many students. Dr. Plaa was the SOT President (1983-84), editor of Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology (1972-1980), and a recipient of numerous SOT Awards: Achievement (1967), Arnold J. Lehman (1981), Education (1987) and Merit (1996).

Dr. Plaa was extraordinarily charitable with his time for the advancement of science nationally and internationally and served on various scientific committees and editorial boards. Dr. Plaa was an instructor and assistant professor at Tulane University from 1958-1962, assistant and associate professor at the University of Iowa from 1962-1968, and then moved to the University of Montreal where he was Chairman of Pharmacology for 12 years. Over the years, he held other administrative positions at the university including Vice-Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, all the while conducting an active research program, until his retirement in 1996.

Dr. Plaa's influence in training toxicologists was truly extraordinary as many of his former students also had leadership roles and received awards with the SOT.

Date Approved by Endowment Fund Board: 12/10/2009

Date Ratified by SOT Council: 12/16/2009