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**Dr. Mehendale to Be Honored as Distinguished Toxicology Scholar**

**Reston, VA, January 12, 2010**—Harihara Mehendale, a Ph.D., a toxicologist who has done pioneering research in tissue repair, has been awarded the Distinguished Toxicology Scholar Award by the Society of Toxicology. An independent researcher for more than 35 years, Dr. Mehendale and his research team have been able to identify approaches for organ damage that promise new therapeutic or preventative approaches. He has also made seminal contributions in pulmonary, hepatic, and renal toxicology and has been an exemplary mentor and supervisor to more than 25 Ph.D. students and more than 35 postdoctoral students. Dr. Mehendale will be honored at a formal Awards ceremony on Sunday, March 7 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City as part of the SOT 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and ToxExpo™.

Formerly known as the Scientific Achievement Award, the Distinguished Toxicology Scholar Award pays tribute to the scientist who has made substantial and seminal scientific contributions to our understanding of the science of toxicology. Nominees should be active scientists involved in toxicological research. The prime consideration for this award is scientific accomplishment.

Dr. Mehendale received his Bachelor's degree from Karnataka University in Dharwar Karnataka State, India. He received his Master's degree and his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. He is the Director of the Graduate Studies and Training Program in Toxicology at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and the holder of the Kitty DeGree Eminent Scholars Chair in Toxicology. He is the recipient of the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Toxicology. He is also the recipient of a number of awards including the Ernest G. Spivey Award, Researcher of the Year Award, the Burroughs Welcome Toxicology Scholar Award from the Society of Toxicology and the Colgate-Palmolive Visiting Lectureship Award to name a few. He has authored more than 300 original research and review articles and is a member of 18 scientific societies.

The Society of Toxicology is a scientific not-for-profit organization for professionals from around the world who are involved in the study of toxicology. With more than 6,000 members, the Society is creating a safer and healthier world by advancing the science of toxicology. SOT is a forum for novel discoveries and approaches related to toxicology, fosters integration of sub-disciplines that support the evolution of toxicology, and, among other things, increases the impact of toxicology on human health and disease prevention.

For additional information about the 2010 Annual Meeting and ToxExpo™ visit, <http://www.toxicology.org/AI/MEET/AM2010/>.