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**Nobel Laureates and Award Recipients Key Players at
Society of Toxicology Annual Meeting**

Reston, VA (February 12, 2009) – The Society of Toxicology’s (SOT) 48th Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD, March 15-19, features a comprehensive scientific program, continuing education sessions, the largest ToxExpo in the world, as well as special keynote addresses by two Nobel Laureates and 2009 SOT award recipients. The Annual Meeting is the culmination of a year’s worth of achievements in research and education and the forum to showcase toxicology’s novel discoveries.

The Society’s Annual Meeting will feature talks by **Dr. Paul Greengard**, who received the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2000. Dr. Greengard will present the Plenary Opening Address at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 16. **Dr. Aaron Ciechanover**, who received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2004, will present the Medical Research Council Keynote Address at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18.

The 2009 award recipients are selected on the basis of stringent criteria sanctioned by the SOT’s leadership. As stated by SOT President, Ken Ramos, “These scientists truly have distinguished themselves in their field of expertise and are the recipients of the Society’s most prestigious awards”.

Among those speaking and being honored at the Annual Meeting are:

John Katzenellengoven, the first recipient of the **Leading Edge in Basic Science Award**, who is being honored for his work on estrogen receptors. He is an internationally recognized chemist who has been on the forefront of research on the structure and function of the estrogen receptor. He is a Professor of Bioengineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Thomas W. Kensler, the first recipient of the **2009 Translation Impact Award**, who is being recognized for his major contributions to research efforts that are bringing new prevention opportunities to high-risk populations around the world. He is a professor in environmental health sciences and a renowned cancer researcher at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Dr. Lance Pohl, the recipient of the **2009 Lifetime Toxicology Scholar Award**, who is being honored for his substantial and seminal scientific contributions in the field of toxicology. For more than 30 years, he has been a leader in the field of drug toxicity and specializes in determining how drugs cause liver injury as a side effect. He is Chief of the Section on Molecular and Cellular Toxicology in the Laboratory of Molecular Immunology at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Gary W. Williams, the recipient of the **2009 Merit Award**, who is being recognized for his contributions to the field of chemical carcinogenesis. For the past fifteen years, Dr. Williams has taught toxicology through symposia and a course on safety assessment of medicines. He

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has advanced the discipline by serving on numerous advisory and editorial boards. He has conducted pioneering research to develop methods for detecting the effects of chemicals that are likely to cause cancer. Also, he has done innovative research to devise strategies to assess the potential risk of such chemicals to cause cancer in humans.

More than 6,000 toxicologists from around the world are expected to attend the Annual Meeting which will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center. For more complete information about the SOT Annual Meeting visit <http://www.toxicology.org/AI/MEET/AM2009/index.asp>.

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