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Dr. Gary Williams Receives Prestigious Merit Award from Society of Toxicology

Reston, VA—Dr. Gary Murray Williams, Professor of Pathology, Department of Pathology at New York Medical College, in Valhalla, New York, is the recipient of the Society of Toxicology's 2009 Merit Award for his long-term and distinguished contributions to toxicology.

For the past fifteen years, Dr. Williams has been involved in teaching toxicology through symposia and through a course on safety assessment of medicines. He has advanced the discipline by serving on numerous advisory boards and editorial boards. He has conducted pioneering research to develop methods for detecting the effects of chemicals that are likely to lead to cancer. In addition, he has done innovative research to devise strategies to assess the potential risk of such chemicals to cause cancer in humans.

Dr. Williams serves as the Director of Environmental Pathology and Toxicology and is the head of the Program on Medicine Food and Chemical Safety at New York Medical College. He is also a Professor Clinical Public Health, School of Public Health at New York Medical College. From 1979 to 1999, Dr. Williams was a Research Professor, Department of Pathology at New York Medical College and before that served as Research Associate Professor, Department of Pathology at the Medical College. For four years, he served as Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology and Member, Fels Research Institute, Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia. He also was a Visiting Professor, Wenner-Gren Institute, Department of Cell Stockholm, Sweden and for two years served as Staff Associate National Cancer Institute, Experimental Pathology Branch, Chemical Carcinogen Screening Unit.

In 1963, he received his bachelor's degree from Washington and Jefferson College, graduating *Magna Cum Laude*. He received his M.D. from the University Of Pittsburg School Of Medicine in 1967.

In 2005, he was the recipient of the New York Medical College Dean's Distinguished Research Award and received the American Chemical Society, New York Section, Inc., Westchester Society Distinguished Scientists Award. He received the Enhancement of Animal Welfare Award from the Society of Toxicology in 2002. He is also the recipient of the SOT Arnold J. Lehman Award. He is a member of the American Association for Cancer Research, the Society of Toxicology, the Society of Toxicologic Pathologists, and the International Society of Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology.

The Society of Toxicology (SOT) is a scientific not-for-profit organization for professionals from around the world who are involved in toxicology. With more than 6,000 members, the Society is working to build the future of toxicology and is dedicated to increasing the scientific impact of toxicology, advocating the value of toxicology, and increasing visibility of the organization and members as scientific leaders.