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Indiana University Adjunct Professor Wins Society of Toxicology Founders Award

Reston, Va.; March 17, 2014 — Celebrating contributions to human health and safety, the Society of Toxicology (SOT) presents Indiana University’s John A. Thomas, PhD, ATS, FACT, with the 2014 SOT Founders Award. With this award, SOT, a professional association of more than 7,700 toxicologists, annually honors an SOT member who has led efforts to improve the ability to make distinctions between safe and unsafe levels of chemical exposures. Dr. Thomas will be formally presented with his peer-nominated award at SOT’s 53rd Annual Meeting and ToxExpo in Phoenix, Ariz., on March 23, 2014.

“Dr. Thomas has made extensive contributions to the safety of pharmaceuticals and food ingredients,” says nominator Madhusudan G. Soni, PhD. “His long-term research into the toxicological manifestations in male sex accessory glands from different drugs, hormones, and industrial chemicals began long before terms such as ‘endocrine disruptors’ or ‘environmental estrogens’ were coined.”

The SOT Founders Award recognizes Dr. Thomas for his pioneering work examining the pharmacologic and toxicologic effects of xenobiotic chemicals — including pesticides, phthalates, and heavy metals — on the male reproductive system. Over the years, Dr. Thomas’ research has also led him to determining the safety of various sweeteners, such as fructose, and testing biotherapeutic agents developed as substitutes for insulin and growth hormone, to name just a few highlights from his 50-plus-year toxicology career.

In addition to his research, Dr. Thomas has served as a mentor to students and other faculty members through positions at University of Iowa, University of Virginia, Creighton University, West Virginia University, University of Texas, and Indiana University. He has published more than 400 peer-reviewed scientific articles, was author or editor of more than a dozen textbooks, and served on the editorial boards of multiple prestigious scientific journals. He is an elected fellow in the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences.

Dr. Thomas received his BS from the University of Wisconsin and his MA and PhD from the University of Iowa.

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