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**American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) to Award
Andrew H. Lichtman, MD, PhD the 2014 ASIP Robbins Distinguished Educator Award**



Bethesda, MD - Dr. Andrew H. Lichtman, Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School, is the 2014 recipient of the ASIP Robbins Distinguished Educator Award, which is named in honor of Dr. Stanley Robbins (1915-2003), formerly of Boston University and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Robbins was a pioneer of pathology education and a member of ASIP for over 50 years. This award, partially support by an unrestricted educational grant from Elsevier, an ASIP Corporate Partner, recognizes individuals whose contributions to education in pathology have had a manifest impact at a regional, national, or international level.

Dr. Lichtman has made a number of contributions to medical education in the fields of Immunology and Pathology, including teaching, course directing, curriculum development, directing postgraduate educational programs, advising, and mentoring. Dr. Lichtman has coauthored all editions of two of the most widely recognized textbooks of immunology. These textbooks are used by medical schools throughout the US and world, and have been translated into 9 languages. Dr. Abul Abbas of the University of California, San Francisco (himself a previous recipient of the ASIP Robbins Award), describes Dr. Lichtman as "one of the principal teachers of Immunology for Harvard medical students." Dr. Abbas states that Dr. Lichtman is "widely recognized as among the major contributors to medical school education at Harvard." Dr. Lichtman is loved by his students and has a "relaxed teaching style that makes didactic learning a pleasure," according to Dr. Abbas. Dr. Abbas summarizes Dr. Lichtman as a "master educator who has made an impressive contribution to the teaching of Immunology and Pathology. His role in education is manifested by the wide variety of activities he is involved in, [which] speak to his devotion to teaching students."

Dr. Peter Howley of Harvard Medical School praises Dr. Lichtman because of his participation in the “reorganization of the basic science curricula at Harvard Medical School as a member of the Committee for the HMS Curriculum Reform for the Fundamentals of Medicine.” Dr. Howley states that Dr. Lichtman “stood out as the most active and effective committee members, leading the way in restructuring the preclinical curriculum here at HMS.”

Dr. Jonathan Braun of the University of California, Los Angeles, states that what truly distinguishes Dr. Lichtman is his “exceptional impact on the thinking and resources that now shape Pathology and Immunology education internationally.” Dr. Braun also acknowledges the level of educational impact that Dr. Lichtman has had “in a series of novel courses on basic and translational immunology he has organized and directed at a diversity of major medical and scientific societies.”

Dr. Lichtman received his AB in Biology from Bowdoin College in 1974. He then received his MD and PhD from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1981. He joined the faculty at Harvard Medical School in 1986.

Dr. Lichtman will receive the Robbins Distinguished Educator Award at the 2014 ASIP Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology in San Diego, California. He will be presented this award during the ASIP Membership Business Meeting and Awards Presentation on Monday, April 28, 2014.

About the American Society for Investigative Pathology

The American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) is a society of biomedical scientists who investigate mechanisms of disease. Investigative pathology is an integrative discipline that links the presentation of disease in the whole organism to its fundamental cellular and molecular mechanisms. It uses a variety of structural, functional, and genetic techniques and ultimately applies research findings to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases. ASIP advocates for the practice of investigative pathology and fosters the professional career development and education of its members.

ASIP is a member of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB – www.faseb.org), a coalition of 26 independent societies that plays an active role in lobbying for the interests of 115,000 biomedical scientists.

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