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Diabetes Research Retreat Honors Dr. Bernard R. Landau *Local conference attracts international audience with focus on metabolism*

CLEVELAND – The Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland’s Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute (DDRI) and the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine are pleased to present the fourth annual **Diabetes Research Retreat, “Bernard R. Landau, MD, PhD: A Life in Diabetes Research,”** Friday, November 16, 2007, at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven. This program is supported by an educational grant from Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc. The inter-institutional, inter-disciplinary Retreat will once again bring together investigators from the diverse Cleveland-area biomedical institutions to create increased opportunities for cross-fertilization of ideas.

This year’s all-day Retreat is dedicated to the work and memory of **Bernard R. Landau, MD, PhD**. Dr. Landau was a professor of medicine at Case Western Reserve University prior to his death in March 2007. He was an internationally recognized leader in the field of intermediary carbohydrate metabolism - how the body stores and processes glucose – and in the use of noninvasive evaluation of metabolism utilizing isotopes.

“We are honored to have a cadre of people who have worked with Dr. Landau over the years presenting their research at this Diabetes Retreat,” states **Patrick M. Catalano, MD**, Professor and Chair, Reproductive Biology, Case Western Reserve University at MetroHealth Medical Center and Chair of the DDRI Task Force. “These internationally renowned investigators will ensure a scientific program of the highest caliber – and one that reflects the high quality of research for which Dr. Landau was known.”

Invited speakers include:

- **John Wahren MD PhD**, Professor of Clinical Physiology, Department of Molecular Medicine and Surgery, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden;
- **Gerald I. Shulman, MD, PhD**, Professor of Medicine and Cellular & Molecular Physiology, Yale School of Medicine; Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute;
- **Robert A. Rizza, MD**, Professor of Medicine, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes, Metabolism and Nutrition, Mayo Clinic;
- **Guenther Boden, MD**, Section Chief, Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, Temple University School of Medicine; and
- **Richard N. Bergman, PhD**, Professor and Chair, Department of Physiology & Biophysics, Keck Chair, Keck School of Medicine of University of Southern California.

Tributes to Dr. Landau will be made by **Saul Genuth, MD**, Professor of Medicine, and **Richard W. Hanson, PhD**, Leonard & Jean Skeggs Professor of Biochemistry, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. "In addition to over 200 investigators from Northeast Ohio, this prestigious scientific conference is expected to draw scientists from around the world to hear this distinguished group of speakers and pay their respects to Bernie Landau," said Hanson.

"Dr. Landau made unparalleled contributions to the field of diabetes and metabolism in his lifetime. The caliber of our speakers and the high level of interest in this research meeting is a testament to the impact that he had on the world," states **Jacquie Dickinson**, President and CEO of the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland. "On behalf of the 1 in 13 people in Northeast Ohio with diabetes, it is our privilege to honor him in this way."

For more information about the 2007 Diabetes Research Retreat and for a complete schedule of events, visit <http://www.ddri.org/Retreat2007.asp>. To attend as a media guest for all or a portion of the day, please contact Tracy Cordes or Susan Licate (contact information above).

About Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

Founded in 1843, the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine is the largest medical research institution in Ohio and 12th largest among the nation's medical schools for research funding from the National Institutes of Health. Eleven Nobel Laureates have been affiliated with the school.

The School of Medicine is recognized throughout the international medical community for outstanding achievements in teaching. In 2002, it became only the third medical school in history to receive the best review possible from the national body responsible for accrediting the nation's medical schools. It ranks in the top 25 among U.S. research-oriented medical schools in the U.S. News and World Report *Guide to Graduate Education*. Annually, the School of Medicine trains more than 600 M.D. and M.D./Ph.D. students. The School's Western Reserve₂ curriculum interweaves four themes--research and scholarship, clinical mastery, leadership, and civic professionalism--to prepare students for the practice of evidence-based medicine in the rapidly changing health care environment of the 21st century.

The School of Medicine's primary clinical affiliate is University Hospitals Case Medical Center and the school is additionally affiliated with MetroHealth Medical Center, the Louis Stokes Cleveland Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, with which it opened the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University in 2004. <http://casemed.case.edu>

About the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland's Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute

Established in 2003 at the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland by Nancy and Richard Dietrich, the Dietrich Diabetes Research Institute is an independent, regional diabetes research clearinghouse whose mission is to: (1) To strengthen the diabetes research presence in Northeast Ohio by facilitating collaborative efforts in diabetes research, (2) Serve as a diabetes research information clearinghouse to help enhance the overall quality of clinical care for patients with diabetes in northeast Ohio, and (3) Help people with diabetes understand new research and its effect on their medical care. For more information about DDRI, visit www.ddri.org or call 216-591-0800.

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