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American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) to Award Richard N. Mitchell, MD, PhD, the ASIP 2013 Robbins Distinguished Educator Award



Bethesda, MD - Dr. Richard N. Mitchell, Associate Professor of Pathology and Health Sciences and Technology at Harvard Medical School, has been selected as the 2013 recipient of the 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 supported 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. Mitchell is described by Dr. Alan L. Schiller of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine as the "moving force behind the Harvard-MIT Health Science and Technology division for over 10 years." Dr. Schiller compliments Dr. Mitchell's "informal style, friendly demeanor, animated delivery and...receptivity to student concerns" and feels these qualities make him "the most effective teacher" Dr. Schiller has seen in decades of pathology education.

Dr. Michael Gimbrone of Harvard Medical School also stresses the "breadth of scope and the magnitude of impact" of Dr. Mitchell's role as "a master educator/mentor/role model in academic Pathology." Dr. Gimbrone also points out that Dr. Mitchell has been active at writing for and editing leading textbooks used to educate most medical students nationally and internationally, calling him a credit to the discipline of Pathology.

Dr. Abul Abbas, Professor and Chair, Pathology Department, University of California, San Francisco, believes that Dr. Mitchell "is one of the country's leading Pathology educators. His contributions are wide-ranging. His constant striving to bring innovative new approaches to teaching Pathology is likely to shape our discipline well into the future." Dr. Mitchell received his undergraduate degree from California Institute of Technology, his Ph.D. from The Rockefeller University, and his M.D. from Harvard Medical School. He is currently the Associate Director of the Health Sciences and Technology Division at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Mitchell will receive the Robbins Distinguished Educator Award at the ASIP Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration at Experimental Biology, in Boston, MA on Monday, April 22, 2013 during the ASIP Awards Presentation and Membership Business Meeting.

The **American Society for Investigative Pathology** (ASIP) is a society of biomedical scientists who investigate the 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 by implementing a variety of structural, functional, and genetic techniques, and ultimately applies research findings to the diagnosis and treatment of diseases. ASIP is a member of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), a coalition of 24 independent societies that plays an active role in lobbying for the interests of 100,000 biomedical scientists.

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