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## Brown University Professor Receives AstraZeneca Traveling Award from Society of Toxicology

Reston, VA (January 16, 2009)—Dr. Kim Boekelheide, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at Brown University, has been awarded the AstraZeneca Traveling Lectureship Award by the Society of Toxicology (SOT) for his excellence in research and service in toxicology.

This distinguished award will afford Dr. Boekelheide the opportunity to travel to Europe to give a lecture series to European toxicologists in industrial and academic settings. The focus of his lecture series will be the future of toxicity testing and the development in his laboratory of a novel xenotransplant model to investigate the human testicular response to *in utero* active endocrine disruptors. Dr. Boekelheide will also have the opportunity to examine research and regulatory issues in Europe as well as bring a North American perspective to these concerns. According to Dr. Boekelheide, “My service on the National Research Council Committee on Toxicity Testing and Assessment of Environmental Agents has led me to be an activist in promoting the need for a new approach to toxicity testing. The product of this committee’s work, the recently released monograph, *Toxicity Testing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Vision and a Strategy*, calls for incorporation of new technological methods, characterization of ‘toxicity pathways’ and a fundamental investment in mode-of-action based designs to engage scientists around the world, and especially in Europe, in a discussion of the promises and challenges of this new approach to toxicity testing.”

Dr. Boekelheide received his bachelor’s degree in Biochemistry from Harvard University in 1974. He received his doctorate degree in Pathology from Duke University in 1980 as well as a medical degree. He is currently Director of the Brown University Superfund Basic Research Program.

He is the recipient of a number of other prestigious awards including the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association Foundation Faculty Development Award in Toxicologic Pathology 1985–1987, the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) Foundation Award in Comparative Toxicology, 1987–1990, the ILSI Research Career Development Award, 1989–1994, and the SOT Burroughs Wellcome Toxicology Scholar Award 1994–1999. He has authored or co-authored over 125 peer-reviewed articles and served as chairperson of a number of professional advisory committees.

The Society of Toxicology 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 of Toxicology 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 the visibility of the organization and its members as scientific leaders.

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