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Mitchell Kronenberg Elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

Washington D.C.—Dr. Mitchell Kronenberg, President and Chief Scientific of Officer of the La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Election as a AAAS Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers for scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications.

Dr. Kronenberg was recognized for his distinguished contributions to understanding T lymphocyte biology, particularly analysis of anti-bacterial immune responses, NKT cells, and tissue resident T cells in the intestinal mucosa. He will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue rosette pin at the AAAS Fellows Forum during the 2016 AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

A world-renowned expert in the fields of mucosal and innate immunity, Dr. Kronenberg is one of the most highly cited immunologists in the world. He received his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology in 1983, and stayed on to complete his postdoctoral work before joining the faculty of the UCLA School of Medicine in 1986. At UCLA, he rose through the ranks to full professor. In 1997, he came to La Jolla Institute to head the Division of Developmental Immunology, a position he held for 14 years, before stepping down to devote more time to his duties as President and Chief Scientific Officer.

Over the years, Dr. Kronenberg has received many major awards, most recently a prestigious Merit Award for scientific achievement from the National Institutes of Health. He has also been a Burroughs Wellcome Fund Visiting Professor at Harvard University and has delivered numerous named and or distinguished lectures.

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