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Dr. Mitchell Kronenberg named "Most Admired CEO" by San Diego Business Journal

LA JOLLA, CA—The La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology is proud to announce that Mitchell Kronenberg, Ph.D., the President and Chief Scientific Officer, of La Jolla Institute has been named one of San Diego's "Most Admired CEO" by the *San Diego Business Journal*. Dr. Kronenberg was recognized for his outstanding leadership in the category of large non-profit organizations.

"This is simply a reflection of the talent and dedication of our employees, who create the culture of collegiality and support for the Institute's scientific success that is so essential to our mission," said Dr. Kronenberg.

Under Dr. Kronenberg's leadership the Institute grew from 15 faculty members in 2003 to 24 in 2016 and the Institute's operating budget tripled. Today, the Institute is not only ranked #5 in the world in the field of immunology based on its scientific impact but is also widely regarded as one of the best places to work in academia.

"Mitch embodies the best attributes of a great leader: visionary, inspiring and deeply concerned about the well being of the people and the organization under his charge," said Amnon Altman, Ph.D., Director of Scientific Affairs. "He seeks out the very best people to do a job, provides them with the resources to be successful, treats them fairly and encourages them to share their ideas."

In order to continue providing LJI scientists with the best research environment, Dr. Kronenberg has made it his long-term goal to secure the financial security of the Institute well into the future. Last year, he successfully negotiated a strategic alliance with UC San Diego and he actively explores novel business development opportunities. The Institute recently partnered with HardTech Labs to establish a joint venture, HTL Life, to develop next generation technologies for human health and wellness centered around LJI's expertise in immunology.

Dr. Kronenberg also initiated LJI's first community outreach and fundraising effort to increase the Institute's scientific and technological capabilities in understanding how the immune

system works. As a direct result of his efforts, the Institute surpassed for the first time 10 million dollars in philanthropic support in 2015.

The San Diego Business Journal's Annual Most Admired CEO award recognizes dynamic business leaders and role models, selected for their achievements and contributions to the San Diego economy.

About La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology

La Jolla Institute for Allergy and Immunology is dedicated to understanding the intricacies and power of the immune system so that we may apply that knowledge to promote human health and prevent a wide range of diseases. Since its founding in 1988 as an independent, nonprofit research organization, the Institute has made numerous advances leading towards its goal: life without disease®.

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