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John Voorhees Named 2005 Stephen Rothman Memorial Award Recipient

CLEVELAND (April 15, 2005) – John J. Voorhees, MD, FRCP, was selected by the Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID) to receive the 2005 Stephen Rothman Memorial Award at the SID's Annual Meeting, May 4-7, in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Stephen Rothman Memorial Award is the SID's highest honor and has been presented annually since 1967 for distinguished service to the specialty of investigative dermatology. Recipients of the award are selected based on their scientific achievement, commitment to teaching and recruiting the next generation of scientists and impact upon the course and image of dermatology and its related fields.

Dr. Voorhees is currently the Duncan and Ella Poth Distinguished Professor and chairman of the department of Dermatology at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), where he also received his MD in 1963. He has been President of the SID, Dermatology Foundation, Association of Professors of Dermatology, Michigan Dermatological Society and has held seats of the boards and executive committees of several organizations including the American Academy of Dermatology.

Among Dr. Voorhees's honors are the Lifetime Achievement Award of the National Psoriasis Foundation (1993) and the Psoriasis Research Award of the American Skin Association (1994). In 1998 he received the Research Award of the European Society for Dermatological Research in recognition of substantial contributions to the progress of dermatological research. He is also the only individual to receive the Taub International Memorial Award for Research in Psoriasis twice (1973 and 1986).

Dr. Voorhees divides his time at the University of Michigan among medical research, patient care, education of medical students and physicians training to become dermatologists, and chairing the department.

The SID, founded in 1938, is dedicated to the advancement and promotion of the sciences relevant to skin health and disease through education, advocacy, and scholarly exchange of scientific information.

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