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PEARL MEISTER GREENGARD PRIZE

An International Award Recognizing Outstanding Women in Biomedical Science

2009 Award Presentation and Reception

Thursday, November 5, 2009

6:00 p.m. Registration 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Award Presentation 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. Reception Caspary Auditorium
The Rockefeller University
York Avenue at 66th Street



Awardee:

Suzanne Cory, Ph.D., F.R.S.

Professor, The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research Melbourne, Australia

Suzanne Cory is a renowned geneticist and pioneering scientific leader. The first woman to serve as director of Australia's prestigious Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, she held the post from 1996 to July 2009. Research by Dr. Cory has yielded key insights in immunology and cancer biology. She and her colleagues made important contributions to the understanding of antigen receptor assembly in the immune system cells known as B lymphocytes, and helped to elucidate how abnormal chromosome rearrangements can lead to cancer. Dr. Cory and associates further broadened the molecular understanding of cancer through studies of cell-death mechanisms that normally protect against tumors.

Dr. Cory is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, a Companion in the Order of Australia, a foreign member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of Great Britain's Royal Society, which awarded her its Royal Medal. She was recently named a Knight of the French Legion of Honor.

The **Pearl Meister Greengard Prize**, awarded by Rockefeller University, was established by Dr. Paul Greengard, the University's Vincent Astor Professor, and his wife, the sculptor Ursula von Rydingsvard. Dr. Greengard donated his monetary share of the 2000 Nobel Prize in Medicine to Rockefeller and, in partnership with generous supporters of the University, created this major international prize. Named in memory of Dr. Greengard's mother, the Pearl Meister Greengard Prize provides recognition of the accomplishments of women in science.

Special Guest Speaker:

Wafaa El-Sadr, M.D., M.P.H.

Director, International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs Columbia University

Wafaa El-Sadr is a global leader and innovator in the field of infectious disease and public health. Known for developing programs that significantly curbed New York's tuberculosis epidemic in the 1990s, she oversees initiatives that have brought HIV/AIDS care to more than 500,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. El-Sadr was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2008, and elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2009.