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PEARL MEISTER GREENGARD PRIZE

An International Award Recognizing Outstanding Women in Biomedical Science

Award Presentation and Reception

Thursday, November 10, 2005
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Rockefeller University
Caspary Auditorium

Awardee:

Dr. Philippa Marrack

Professor of Molecular Biology and Immunology
National Jewish Medical and Research Center



Philippa Marrack is one of the world's most influential immunologists. With John Kappler, her husband and collaborator, she has made fundamental discoveries about the immune system's T cells, helping to explain their ability to recognize infection, their involvement in allergy, and their role in autoimmune diseases such as juvenile diabetes, lupus, and arthritis. Dr. Marrack also identified and named "superantigens," potent immunological activators that induce toxic shock and other illnesses. An Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Dr. Marrack is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society. She has received many honors, including the Society's Wellcome Foundation Prize, the Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize, and the 2004 L'Oreal-UNESCO Award.

The Pearl Meister Greengard Prize, awarded by The 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 entire monetary share of the 2000 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine to Rockefeller and, in partnership with generous supporters of the University, created this major international prize to be awarded by The Rockefeller University to outstanding women scientists. Named in memory of Dr. Greengard's mother, the Pearl Meister Greengard Prize seeks to provide recognition of the accomplishments of women in science.

Guest Speaker:

Helen Thomas

Columnist
Hearst Newspapers

A trailblazing woman journalist, former UPI White House Bureau Chief Helen Thomas has covered every President since John F. Kennedy. Ms. Thomas recently joined Hearst Newspapers after 57 years with UPI. Her latest book is *Thanks for the Memories, Mr. President: Wit and Wisdom from the Front Row at the White House*.

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