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Winner of 2016 Manpei Suzuki International Prize for Diabetes Research Announced

TOKYO, Japan (March 3, 2017) - Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited (hereafter, Daiichi Sankyo) today announced that on March 2 the Manpei Suzuki Diabetes Foundation* (Chuo-ku, Tokyo; President, Takashi Shoda; hereafter, the foundation), a related public benefit foundation company of Daiichi Sankyo, held an award ceremony and memorial lecture at the Keidanren Kaikan and presented the 2016 Manpei Suzuki International Prize for Diabetes Research to Professor Jeffery M. Friedman (MD, PhD) of Rockefeller University.

The foundation created the Manpei Suzuki International Prize for Diabetes Research in November 2007 to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the foundation's establishment. The foundation considers researchers around the world with original and outstanding research achievements on diabetes, honoring one person each year.

The foundation hopes that receiving this International Award will be a goal for researchers engaged in diabetes research throughout the world, and will further advance diabetes research.

*Since its establishment in December 1993, the foundation has been committed to "fostering young researchers by promoting international exchange of researchers engaged in the field of diabetes and contributing to the promotion of research in this field," raising various types of grant projects.

(Reference)

1. Reason for recognizing Jeffery M. Friedman (MD, PhD), Rockefeller University

The Selection Committee highly recognized his groundbreaking discovery of leptin and new endocrine system comprised of leptin, which is the key to understanding obesity and insulin resistance, the most common antecedents of diabetes.

Current Institution/Title

Rockefeller University, Professor

Major Achievements

- 1984: Rockefeller University Ph.D.
- 1986: Rockefeller University Assistant Professor
- 1991: Rockefeller University Associate Professor
- 1995: Rockefeller University Professor
- To present

Past Recognitions

- 2002: The Banting Memorial Lecture
- 2007: The Danone International Prize for Nutrition
- 2009: The Keio Medical Science Prize
- 2010: The Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical Research
- 2012: The Foundation IPSEN 11th Endocrine Regulation Prize
- 2012: BBVA Foundation Frontiers of Knowledge Award in Biomedicine
- 2013: King Faisal International Prize in Medicine
- 2016: Harrington Prize for Innovation in Medicine

2. Past Manpei Suzuki International Prize for Diabetes Research Winners

2008	C. Ronald Kahn, MD, Joslin Diabetes Center, Harvard Medical School (USA)
2009	Donald F. Steiner, MD, The University of Chicago (USA)
2010	Carl Eric Mogensen, MD, Aarhus University Hospital, Aarhus (Denmark)
2011	Masato Kasuga, MD, PhD, National Center for Global Health and Medicine (Japan)
2012	Graeme Ian Bell, PhD, The University of Chicago (USA)
2013	Bruce M. Spiegelman, PhD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School (USA)
2014	Daniel J. Drucker, MD, University of Toronto (Canada)
2015	Takashi Kadowaki, MD, PhD, Graduate School of Medicine, the University of Tokyo (Japan)