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Beaudet receives award for human genetics research

San Diego – (Oct. 26, 2007) – Dr. Arthur Beaudet, chair and professor of molecular and human genetics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, will receive the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) Allan Award at the society's annual meeting Oct. 23 – 27 in San Diego.

“This has been one of the longest standing awards from the society,” said Beaudet. “I feel that receiving this is a great honor.” Beaudet is a past president of the ASHG.

The award recognizes substantial and far-reaching scientific contributions to human genetics over a sustained period of scientific inquiry and productivity. Beaudet focuses his research on the role of epigenetics in human disease with a particular emphasis on genomic imprinting and diseases associated with mental retardation and autism.

The ASHG established the award in 1961 in memory of William Allan, one of the first American physicians to conduct extensive research in human genetics.

Beaudet will address participants at the annual meeting. A manuscript of this presentation will be published in an upcoming issue of the *American Journal of Human Genetics*.

The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), founded in 1948, is the primary professional membership organization for human geneticists in the Americas. The nearly 8,000 members include researchers, academicians, clinicians, laboratory practice professionals, genetic counselors, nurses and others involved in or with special interest in human genetics.

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