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FASEB WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT, WILLIAM T. TALMAN, M.D.

Bethesda, MD – William T. Talman, M.D., assumed office as the 95th President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) on July 1, 2010. Talman is a Professor of Neurology and Neuroscience at the University of Iowa and is a practicing physician at the University Hospital and at the Iowa City Veterans Affairs (VA) hospital where he is the Chief of the Neurology Service. He will serve for one year as the leader of FASEB, a coalition of 23 member societies comprising more than 100,000 scientists and engineers.

“The opportunities for continued progress have never been greater, but those opportunities depend on adequate resources,” Talman stated. “In 2009, supplemental appropriations from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) restored purchasing power at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and provided a timely investment in biomedical research across the nation. However, if we return to pre-ARRA funding levels in fiscal year 2011, we will have to curtail many promising research studies.” As President, Talman will lead FASEB’s advocacy efforts to encourage Congress and the Obama Administration to achieve the goal of sustainable funding for research.

A graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Talman’s research focuses on the brain’s control of the cardiovascular system, and his clinical specialty is autonomic dysfunction, for which he has been recognized by Best Doctors in America for the past eight years. Dr. Talman is the Past President of the International Society for Autonomic Neuroscience and past chair of the Public Affairs Committee of the American Physiological Society. He is also Associate Editor for *Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology* and has served as a reviewer for NIH Study Sections, VA Merit Review Boards, the National Science Foundation, and the American Heart Association.

Joseph C. LaManna, Ph.D., is FASEB’s President-Elect and Fred D. Finkelman, M.D., the new Treasurer of the Federation. Dr. LaManna is a Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, Neurology and Neuroscience at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and he has been involved as a cerebrovascular researcher for more than 30 years. Dr. Finkelman received his M.D. from Yale University and is a Professor of Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

FASEB is composed of 23 societies with more than 100,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of scientists and engineers to improve—through their research—the health, well-being, and productivity of all people. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy.