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**FASEB WELCOMES NEW PRESIDENT, MARK O. LIVELY, PH.D.**

*Bethesda, MD* – Mark O. Lively, Ph.D. assumed office as the 94<sup>th</sup> president of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) on July 1, 2009. Lively is a professor of biochemistry at Wake Forest University, as well as the Director of the Molecular Genetics Program and Director of the Biomolecular Resource Laboratory. He will serve for one year as the leader of FASEB, a coalition of 22 member societies comprising more than 90,000 biomedical research scientists.

“This is a critical time for the biomedical sciences and for science policy, and FASEB will continue to provide a strong voice for working scientists,” Lively stated. “While our primary focus remains educating policymakers about the importance of research funding, I expect we will be addressing a number of other important policy issues during my term, from challenges to the humane use of animals in research to development of conflict-of-interest regulations to biosecurity proposals related to select agents.”

A graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology (B.S., Ph.D., Chemistry), Lively is a protein chemist with a long standing interest in proteolytic enzymes and protein structure and function. He currently serves as a member of the National Center for Research Resources Advisory Council. Lively was appointed to the FASEB board in 2004 as the representative for the Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities (ABRF) and has since taken on various leadership roles within FASEB’s board, serving as Vice President for Science Policy, chairing the Public Affairs Committee, and serving on the Strategic Planning Oversight Committee. He was a member of ABRF’s Executive board (2000-2004) and served as President from 2001 through 2002.

FASEB would also like to congratulate William T. Talman, M.D., who was voted FASEB President-Elect. Dr. Talman is a professor of neurology and neuroscience at the University of Iowa.

*FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 90,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists 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.*