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FASEB ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2006 EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AWARD

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) is pleased to announce that Marilyn Gist Farquhar, PhD, and Elaine Fuchs, PhD, have been awarded the 2006 FASEB Excellence in Science Award. Due to the extraordinary number of qualified candidates, the committee took the unusual step of recommending two individuals this year. The FASEB Excellence in Science Award is presented each year to a woman scientist whose outstanding career achievements have contributed significantly to furthering understanding of a particular discipline through her excellence in research. The awardees will present lectures at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) during the 2006 Experimental Biology Conference in April. The winners will each receive complimentary registration to the conference, travel expenses, hotel, and a $10,000 unrestricted research grant funded by Eli Lilly. Both women are members of the ASBMB. Farquhar is also a member of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, American Society for Investigative Pathology, and the Endocrine Society.

Dr. Farquhar is professor and chair of the Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine at the University of California–San Diego School of Medicine. She is a pioneer in the study of cell structure and function, and is well-known for her electron microscopy studies. Her cell biology laboratory focuses on the interplay between cell signaling and protein trafficking. Farquhar is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Fuchs is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, and professor and head of the Laboratory of Mammalian Cell Biology and Development at Rockefeller University. She is leader in the area of research on understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying development and differentiation of mammalian skin and how these processes go awry in human skin diseases. She is well-known for using reverse genetics in her studies. Fuchs was recently elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

For more information, please visit The Excellence in Science Award Web site (www.faseb.org/excellenceinscience).

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