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FASEB RELEASES FY 2007 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCIENCE AGENCIES

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) has released its annual report to Congress, *Federal Funding for Biomedical & Related Life Sciences Research, FY 2007*. “FASEB plans to aggressively appeal to Congress to make NIH and the other federal science agencies a priority once again,” said FASEB President Bruce R. Bistran, M.D., Ph.D. Below are the recommendations for the six agencies described in the report.

National Institutes of Health

FASEB recommends that the National Institutes of Health receive \$30 billion in FY 2007, an increase of 5 percent (\$1.43 billion) over the level for the previous fiscal year (\$28.57 billion).

National Science Foundation

FASEB recommends an appropriation of \$6.4 billion for the National Science Foundation in FY 2007. This appropriation should be the start of a long-term, steadily increasing national investment in the agency, which was the goal of the NSF Doubling Act of 2002.

Department of Veterans Affairs

FASEB recommends funding the VA Medical and Prosthetics Research Program at least at the \$460 million level in FY 2007.

Department of Energy

In keeping with the “Energy Policy Act of 2005,” FASEB recommends an appropriation of \$4.15 billion for the Department of Energy’s Office of Science in FY 2007.

Department of Agriculture

FASEB strongly supports funding the National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program in FY 2007 at the \$248 million dollar level as requested in the President’s FY 2007 budget; this would be an important step forward in reaching its initial authorization level of \$500 million.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

FASEB recommends that NASA restore funding for basic life sciences research, increase funding for “countermeasures research” needed for human space travel, and that more funding be allocated to investigator initiated, peer reviewed life sciences research in FY 2007.

The annual report will be distributed to federal lawmakers, health-research officials in the administration, and the research community. It will serve as the basis for FASEB’s research funding advocacy efforts for the next fiscal year. For a print copy of the report, call (301) 634-7650. The report is also available online at http://opa.faseb.org/pdf/final_funding_fy2007.pdf.

FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 84,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB’s mission is to enhance the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. FASEB serves the interests of these scientists in those areas related to public policy, facilitates coalition activities among Member Societies and disseminates information on biological research through scientific conferences and publications.