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## **Texas Congressman Receives Public Service Award from International Medical Association**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 11, 2017) — U.S. Congressman Kevin Brady, R-8<sup>th</sup>, of Texas, received the 2017 American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists' (AACE) Eugene T. Davidson, MD, Public Service Award.

The AACE Eugene T. Davidson, MD, Public Service Award is presented to a health professional, organization, or individual layperson for outstanding contributions to advancing the mission of AACE in providing quality health care for patients with endocrine diseases and for the betterment of public health.

Congressman Brady has served on numerous committees as Chair or Vice Chair, including the Health Subcommittee for the House Ways and Means Committee. As a member of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus, Congressman Brady was helpful in bringing the National Clinical Care Commission Act to the House floor for a vote in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress. In addition, he helped spearhead the passage of legislation that repealed the flawed Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula.

Among his many achievements, Congressman Brady was instrumental in helping to create the Texas Institute of Genomic Research, a cutting-edge research center that will accelerate new medical discoveries and create new jobs in Texas.

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In this 115<sup>th</sup> Congress, Congressman Green is the Ranking Member for the Subcommittee on Health, and serves on the Subcommittee on Energy, Subcommittee on Environment, and the Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection. In addition, Congressman Green is a member of the Congressional Diabetes Caucus and continues to support initiatives to improve care for patients with diabetes, including the National Clinical Care Commission Act, which he co-sponsored.

Also, Congressman Green is the author of the legislation attached to the Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003 that required Medicare to cover screening for Medicare beneficiaries at risk for diabetes.

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## **Columbia University School of Medicine Professor and Chair to Receive Frontiers in Science Award from AACE**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(April 11, 2017) – Gerard Karsenty, MD, PhD, the Paul A. Marks, MD Professor and Chair, Department of Genetics and Development at Columbia University School of Medicine is the 2017 recipient of the **AACE Frontiers in Science Award**. Dr. Karsenty is slated to receive his award on Thursday, May 4, during the AACE 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific & Clinical Congress, in Austin, Texas. In addition, Dr. Karsenty will open the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress with his lecture on “But Why Bone?”

The Frontiers in Science Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated exemplary contributions to their individual profession or area of expertise.

An endocrinologist and research scientist, Dr. Karsenty has long had an interest in bone differentiation. His laboratory has studied every aspect of skeletal biology ranging from cell differentiation to function, and deciphered the molecular bases of osteoblast-specific gene expression, a work that culminated in his identification of Runx2, as the master gene of osteoblast differentiation. In the last 15 years, his research has been focused on bone physiology and in particular on demonstrating that bone is an endocrine organ.

Dr. Karsenty received his medical degree from Paris Descartes University or Medical School Paris V, Paris, France, and his doctorate from Pierre and Marie Curie University, Paris VI. He currently serves as Editor of many prestigious medical journals including the *American Journal of Physiology; Bone; Developmental Cell; Cell Metabolism, Genes and Development*, and *Journal of Cell Biology*.

“I am truly honored to receive this award from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists,” said Dr. Karsenty. “As a trained physician it is extremely rewarding to be recognized by my peers for my work on the role of the skeleton on whole body physiology.

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## **Endocrinology Expert to Receive Award from the International Endocrinology Association**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(April 11, 2017) — Ralph A. DeFronzo, MD, BMS, MS, BS, will receive the 2017 American College of Endocrinology (ACE) Distinction in Endocrinology Award on May 4, 2017 during the American Association of the Clinical Endocrinologists' (AACE) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The Distinction in Endocrinology Award is given to an AACE member in recognition of advancing the understanding of endocrinology through research and education.

Dr. DeFronzo has served as Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Diabetes Division at the University of Texas Health Science Center and the Deputy Director of the Texas Diabetes Institute in San Antonio since 1988. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. DeFronzo did his training in internal medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He completed fellowships in endocrinology at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Baltimore City Hospitals, and in nephrology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

His major interests focus on pathogenesis and treatment of type 2 diabetes and the central role of insulin resistance in the metabolic-cardiovascular cluster of disorders known collectively as the Insulin Resistance Syndrome.

Dr. DeFronzo has published more than 750 articles in peer-reviewed medical journals, is a much-sought after speaker at major national and international conferences on diabetes, and is the recipient of many prestigious awards.

“I am honored to receive this award from the American College of Endocrinology for my work in the treatment and pathophysiology of diabetes,” said Dr. DeFronzo. “It recognizes the dedication I have applied to understanding the disease and finding better resolutions.”

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## **University of Washington Professor to Receive John A. Seibel, MD, Award From International Endocrinology Association**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(April 11, 2017)— Dace L. Trence, MD, FACE is the 2017 recipient of the American College of Endocrinology Foundation's (ACEF) John A. Seibel, MD, Award, which will be presented on Thursday, May 4, during the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists' (AACE) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The John A. Seibel, MD, Award is presented to an individual who supports the mission of the Foundation.

Dr. Trence is Director of the Diabetes Care Center and Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. In addition, she is the University of Washington's Endocrine Fellowship Program Director and Immediate Past Director of Endocrine Days.

A longtime member of AACE, Dr. Trence chairs the American College of Endocrinology (ACE) Empower Committee and is the medical editor of *EmPower® Magazine* – AACE's free, quarterly consumer health magazine; chairs the APDEM/AACE Liaison Committee and the Nutrition Scientific Committee. In addition, Dr. Trence serves as Co-chair of AACE's Pacific North West Chapter.

She has served on the editorial boards of several journals including *Clinical Diabetes* and has been published in other distinguished journals including *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Diabetes Care*, *AACE's Endocrine Practice* and others.

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The American College of Endocrinology Foundation (ACEF) was created to provide independent financial support for the American College of Endocrinology's (ACE) patient education programs, physician/allied health professional education and advancing science. For more information, please visit <https://www.aace.com/acef/about>.

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## **Internationally Renowned Endocrinologist to Receive Award**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(April 11 2017)— Andrew J.M. Boulton, MD, DSc (Hon.), FACP, FICP, FRCP of Manchester, United Kingdom is the 2017 recipient of the American College of Endocrinology (ACE) International Endocrinology Award, which will be presented on May 5, during the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The International Endocrinology Award is presented to an endocrinologist living outside of the U.S. in recognition of delivering outstanding care to endocrine patients, delivering care to a population of patients with endocrine problems, developing a system of care for an endocrine problem, organizing clinical endocrinologists, affecting social changes that lead to improved care for endocrine problems.

Dr. Boulton is Professor of Medicine at the University of Manchester in Manchester, England, President of Worldwide Initiative for Diabetes Education, and the 2017 Banting Memorial Lecturer on Diabetes in the United Kingdom. He is a graduate of the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne in Northeast England, and trained in Sheffield as well as the University of Miami, Fla., where he serves as Visiting Professor of Medicine at the Diabetes Research Institute.

Known as an expert on diabetes and foot disease, somatic peripheral neuropathy and diabetic neuropathy in both the United Kingdom and the U.S., Dr. Boulton has received numerous international awards including the ADA's Roger Pecoraro Lectureship and the European Diabetes Association's Castelli Pedrolì Lectureship.

In addition, Dr. Boulton will be discussing diabetes and foot disease during the AACE Annual Meeting during a Meet-the-Experts session on Thursday, May 4 and In-depth Symposia on Friday, May 5.

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## **Renowned Endocrinologist to Receive the Outstanding Clinical Endocrinologist Award**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (April 11, 2017) – Walter Futterweit, MD, FACP, FACE will receive the Outstanding Clinical Endocrinologist Award on Friday, May 5, during the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The AACE Outstanding Clinical Endocrinologist Award is given to an AACE member at-large in recognition of dedicated and compassionate care provided to patients with endocrine diseases, exceptional knowledge and expertise in the field of clinical endocrinology, and active advocacy of AACE's mission in both professional and public environments.

"I am honored to receive this prestigious award from AACE," said Dr. Futterweit. "To be recognized for my life's work from my peers is very rewarding."

A Clinical Professor of Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, Dr. Futterweit has dedicated more than 37 years to the study of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), its pathophysiology, treatment and manifestations of more than 2,500 patients, many of whom he still actively follows.

He has published more than 87 articles, reviews, abstracts, textbook chapters, and in 1984, Dr. Futterweit self-authored a book on PCOD.

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## **USC Keck School of Medicine Professor and Chief of Endocrinology To Receive AACE Award for Excellence in Humanities and Medical Ethics**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(April 11, 2017) Peter A. Singer, MD, will receive the Excellence in Humanities and Medical Ethics Award from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) on Friday, May 5, during the AACE 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

A native San Franciscan, Dr. Singer received his medical degree from the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, and continued his postgraduate training in internal medicine, endocrinology and metabolism at the Los Angeles County, University of Southern California Medical Center.

He interrupted his training with two years of military service, which included a tour of duty as a battalion medical office in Viet Nam. That experience was the impetus for his deep involvement in the health and well-being of the Vietnamese people.

Since 1990, Dr. Singer has served on the Board of Directors (Chairman from 1992-2015) of the East Meets West/Thrive Networks (EMW/TN), a humanitarian relief and development organization that works to provide extensive health, education and clean water projects in Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos and Burma. The organization is supported by multimillion dollar grants from organizations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, AUSAID, and others.

“I am honored to have been nominated for this award, and to receive it is something I would have never even considered,” said Dr. Singer. “There are certain things I'm involved with, which others now evidently consider impactful, and I sincerely appreciate the recognition.”

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## **Renowned Endocrinologist Receives AACE International Clinician Award**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. —(April 11, 2017) – Kamal A. S. Al-Shoumer, MD, FRCP, DIC, PhD, FACE, will receive the 2017 International Clinician Award on Saturday, May 6, during the 26th Annual AACE Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The International Clinician Award is given to an AACE member who is a clinical endocrinologist practicing outside the U.S., and in recognition of dedicated and compassionate care provided to patients with endocrine diseases. Recipients possess an exceptional knowledge and expertise in the field of clinical endocrinology and active advocacy AACE's mission in both professional and public environments.

"I am very proud and honored to receive this prestigious award from the leading scientific international association in the field of clinical endocrinology and metabolism," said Dr. Al-Shoumer.

Dr. Al-Shoumer is Professor of Medicine and Endocrinology at Faculty of Medicine, Kuwait University and senior consultant and head of the Division of Endocrinology & Metabolic Medicine in the Department of Medicine at both the Faculty of Medicine and Mubarak Al-Kabeer Hospital in Kuwait.

He is the current President of the Kuwait Endocrine Society, a founding member of the AACE Gulf Chapter, served as president of the Pan-Arab Society for Endocrinology and Diabetes, and was Vice Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Kuwait University.

Professor Al-Shoumer graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of Kuwait University, received his postgraduate degree in medicine from the Royal College of Physicians (MRCP and FRCP) of London. While there, Professor Al-Shoumer served his endocrine clinical research fellowship at St. Mary's Hospital in London, earning his doctoral and his diploma in endocrinology (PhD and DIC) from the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine at the University of London.

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## **California Doctor to Receive Master of the American College of Endocrinology (MACE) Award**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.— (April 11, 2017) – Yehuda Handelsman, MD, FACP, FNLA, FACE, will receive the 2017 Master of the American College of Endocrinology (MACE) Award on May 6, during the Convocation at the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologist's (AACE) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The MACE Award is given to an AACE member who has received Fellow of the American College of Endocrinology (FACE) distinction and is recognized as a distinguished endocrinologist; role model for developing endocrinologists; and contributor to AACE and to the art and science of endocrinology.

Dr. Handelsman is the Medical Director and Principal Investigator of the Metabolic Institute of America and has a solo private practice in Tarzana, Calif. He is a Past President of AACE and the American College of Endocrinology (ACE). He has served on numerous AACE committees and task forces throughout the years, and currently serves as Chair of the Diabetes and Lipids Scientific Committees; and is a member of the Obesity Scientific Committee, and the AACE Board of Directors. In addition, he is a member of several other medical associations and chairs the Annual World Congress on Insulin Resistance, Diabetes & Cardiovascular Disease; Chair and Program Director of the Heart in Diabetes Initiative and Medical Congress; Chair and founder of the International Committee for Insulin Resistance and the International Lipid Forum.

A nationally recognized speaker, Dr. Handelsman has co-authored many AACE/ACE clinical guidelines, and has served on editorial boards of many national journals and publications.

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## **A Charter Member of AACE to Receive Distinguished Service Award**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(April 11, 2017) — Paul S. Jellinger, MD, MACE, a charter member of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), will receive the 2017 American College of Endocrinology (ACE) Yank D. Coble, Jr., MD, Distinguished Service Award, May 6, 2017, during the Convocation at the AACE 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The ACE Yank D. Coble, Jr., MD, Distinguished Service Award is given to an AACE member and a clinical endocrinologist who is recognized by his/her peers as a leader in American medicine and whose personal and professional conduct reflect the values and vision of AACE.

In 1991, Dr. Jellinger was one of the original Steering Committee Members of AACE, and served as its President in 2001, and subsequently President of the American College of Endocrinology (ACE) in 2004. He is a Professor of Clinical Medicine, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism at the University of Miami, and an attending physician at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Fla., of which he served as the first Chief of the Section of Endocrinology.

Dr. Jellinger received his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine. He performed his residency at both Beth Israel Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, and was awarded an NIH fellowship in endocrinology at Mount Sinai Hospital.

He has served on numerous AACE committees and task forces and has authored and co-authored several clinical practice guidelines for physicians who care for patients with diabetes and other metabolic disorders, and is an invited lecturer on topics related to diabetes and lipid disorders.

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## **Tenured Professor of Medicine Receives Master of the American College of Endocrinology (MACE)**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(April 11, 2017)— Christian A. Koch, MD, FACP, FACE, a tenured Professor of Medicine at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, will receive the 2017 Master of the American College of Endocrinology (MACE) Award on May 6, during the Convocation at the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists' (AACE) 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The MACE Award is presented to a member who has received FACE distinction and is recognized as a distinguished endocrinologist; role model for developing endocrinologists; and contributor to AACE and to the art and science of endocrinology.

Dr. Koch was born in Germany and graduated from the Friedrich-Alexander University in Erlangen-Nuremberg, and performed his residency training at Ohio State University in Columbus. He was selected to work at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for his clinical and research training in endocrinology.

He was named a Fellow of the American College of Endocrinology (FACE) in 2001, and a year later, he returned to Germany and was named Fellowship Program Director at the University of Leipzig, where he mentored residents and fellows, and supervised medical students.

In 2006, Dr. Koch was named Professor and Director of the Division of Endocrinology at the University of Mississippi in Jackson, where he's built multidisciplinary academic programs, resulting in collaborative publications and growth of the endocrine fellowship program.

Dr. Koch has published more than 220 peer-reviewed articles, reviews, book chapters, and abstracts. Also, he serves as editor of several prestigious journals and textbooks.

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## **Southwest Florida Doctor Receives Endocrine Teaching Award from AACE**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(April 11, 2017) – Mark A. Lupo, MD, FACE, ECNU, is scheduled to receive the H. Jack Baskin, MD, Endocrine Teaching Award on Saturday, May 6, during the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual AACE Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The H. Jack Baskin, MD, Endocrine Teaching Award is given to an AACE member who has made a profound impact in teaching fellows-in-training and is actively involved in educating in a university setting.

Known for his passion for medical education, Dr. Lupo has served on faculty for AACE ultrasound and thyroid cancer courses, and is a longtime educator of other physicians on neck sonography and fine needle aspiration (FNA) techniques. He is co-chair of the thyroid module for AACE's annual Endocrine University and Deputy Chair of the AACE Thyroid Education Committee. In addition, Dr. Lupo is on faculty at Florida State University College of Medicine as a Clinical Assistant Professor.

“It is a sincere honor to accept this award from AACE,” said Dr. Lupo. “I am very grateful to the mentors who helped to shape my career as a thyroid specialist. The opportunity to teach others ensures that their hard work and dedication to the field of thyroidology endures.”

Dr. Lupo is the founder and director of the Thyroid & Endocrine Center of Florida located in Sarasota. He completed his endocrine fellowship through a combined program at the University of California, San Diego and Scripps Clinic.

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## **Endocrinology Expert to Receive Award from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(April 11, 2017) — Jorge H. Mestman, MD, Director of the Thyroid/Obstetrical Clinic at Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical Center is the 2017 recipient of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists' (AACE) Outstanding Service Award for the Promotion of Endocrine Health of an Underserved Population.

The Outstanding Service Award is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to the endocrine care, health and service to an underserved population in the U.S. or abroad via leadership, long-term commitment, vision, innovation and impact/outcomes.

Dr. Mestman earned his medical degree from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1955. In 1960, he was awarded an Eli Lilly Foreign Fellowship in endocrinology based on his clinical work and research in diabetes and pregnancy and adrenal diseases. He accepted a position at the USC Keck School of Medicine in the laboratory of Professor Donald H. Nelson, where he studied the effects of estrogen administration on the biological potentiation of hydrocortisone action in humans. Three years later, Dr. Mestman moved to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at USC, where he made numerous inroads in the treatment and management of diabetes and thyroid disease in pregnant women in a diverse Hispanic/Latino population.

In addition, Dr. Mestman and an AACE colleague have further advanced the care of Hispanic/Latino patients by organizing meetings on endocrinology care in both the U.S. and in Latin America. He is the recipient of several prestigious honors including the 2002 Norbert Fienkel Lecture Award for Outstanding Contributions to the field of diabetes and pregnancy by the American Diabetes Association.

"I'm humbled and honored to accept this award for my work particularly in Hispanic/Latino population," said Dr. Mestman. "I must give credit to my late wife, Florence, and our children, for supporting and tolerating my dedication to medicine."

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**Longtime Costa Rican Endocrinologist to Receive AACE International Clinician Award**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. —(April 11, 2017) – José G. Jiménez-Montero, MD, FACE, will receive the 2017 International Clinician Award on Saturday, May 6, during the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE) 26th Annual Scientific & Clinical Congress in Austin, Texas.

The International Clinician Award is given to an AACE member who is a clinical endocrinologist practicing outside of the U.S., and in recognition of dedicated and compassionate care provided to patients with endocrine diseases. Recipients possess an exceptional knowledge and expertise in the field of clinical endocrinology and active advocacy AACE's mission in both professional and public environments.

“I am very proud and honored to receive this highly prestigious award from the leading scientific association in the field of clinical endocrinology and metabolism,” said Dr. Jiménez-Montero.

Dr. Jiménez-Montero is Dean of Post Graduate Studies at the University of Ciencias Médicas, Professor of Endocrinology Fellowship Program at the University of Costa Rica, and endocrinologists at Hospital CIMA.

He earned his medical degree from the School of Medicine, University of Costa Rica. He has authored and co-authored more than 50 publications in international and national peer-reviewed journals. He is Past President of the Costa Rica Society of Endocrinology, the Costa Rica AACE Chapter, and was a member of the AACE International Committee.

In 2015, he participated in the Pan-American Workshop hosted by AACE/ACE for the Transculturalization Recommendations for Developing Latin American Clinical Practice Algorithms in Endocrinology, Proceedings.

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