Scripps Clinic investigator receives Einstein Award for psychiatry research

IA JOLLA, Nov. 16 -- A Research Institute of Scripps Clinic investigator has been awarded the Einstein Award for Research in Psychiatry and Related Disciplines for his studies on peptides in the brain and behavior regulation.

Dr. Floyd Bloom, head of the Scripps Clinic preclinical neuroscience and endocrinology division and director of the Scripps Clinic-Salk Institute-UCSD Alcohol Research Center, received the award at the recent Fifth Einstein Symposium in Psychiatry, "New Biological Vistas on Schizophrenia," at the New York Academy of Medicine, New York City.

Past recipients include B.F. Skinner, Harvard University; Dr. Salamon Snyder, Johns Hopkins University; and Dr. Robert Hinde, Cambridge University.

Bloom shares the award with Dr. David de Wied, chairman of the Rudolph Magnus Institute of Pharmacology, Utrecht, Netherlands.

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The award is given annually by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York, to an investigator who has made fundamental contributions to the study of abnormal human behavior.

Bloom was named for his work in the field of neuropeptides and behavioral regulation - specifically, for studies on how peptides mediate signals between brain cells.

Bloom has been with Scripps Clinic since 1983. From 1975-83, he was director of the Arthur Vining Davis Center for Behavioral Neurobiology at the Salk Institute. Earlier affiliations were with the National Institute of Mental Health and Yale University Medical School.

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