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DIRECTOR EMERITUS RECEIVES KLEMPERER AWARD

LA JOLLA, Sept. 13 -- Frank Dixon, M.D., director emeritus of the Research Institute of Scripps Clinic, has been named the recipient of the 1989 Paul Klemperer Award by the New York Academy of Medicine. The award is presented annually to an individual for outstanding scientific achievements and contributions to the study of connective tissues and their diseases.

Dixon served as chairman of the Research Institute of Scripps Clinic for 25 years. An immunologist and expert in viral infections, Dixon has conducted medical research for more than 40 years. His work has covered a wide variety of human disorders, particularly those related to immunologic processes, and a search for understanding the biology of these disorders.

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He has received special recognition for his study of systemic lupus erythematosus. His work on experimental models of lupus have produce both an increased understanding of the immunopathogenesis of lupus and served as the basis for protocols for other investigators to pursue an array of experimental approaches in that area.

Dixon received his medical degree from the University of Minnesota and, after 10 years at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School, joined Scripps Clinic in 1961. Under his leadership, the research branch of Scripps Clinic grew from a staff of 32 to more than 1,000, with an annual research budget of $60 million.

He has received 15 medical and scientific awards, including the Gairdner Foundation International Award, the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award and the Rous-Whipple Award of the American Association of Pathologists.

The Klemperer Award will be given to Dixon on Tuesday, October 10, at a ceremony in New York.

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