

# samuelpruzanskymemoriallecture

## Mitochondrial Diseases in Men and Mice

8:05 am–9:05 am, Sunday, March 12, 2000

Oasis 2, Palm Springs Convention Center

### Douglas C. Wallace, MD

Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

The Samuel Pruzansky Memorial Lectureship was established in memory of the founder and director of the world's first center for craniofacial anomalies, and is sponsored by the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Dr. Pruzansky was an internationally renowned research scholar, clinician, and teacher who served as Acting Chief of the Clinical Investigations Branch of the National Institute of Dental Research from 1953 to 1955. In 1959, under the Institute's auspices, he chaired the Gatlinburg Conference, the definitive meeting on craniofacial anomalies.

During the course of his academic career at the University of Illinois, Dr. Pruzansky was Associate Director of the Cleft Palate Clinic which, in 1967, was expanded to become the first Center for Craniofacial Anomalies, with Dr. Pruzansky as its founding director.

A visiting professor at many universities here and abroad, consultant to crippled children's programs, and active member of numerous NIH scientific committees, Dr. Pruzansky also was president of the American Cleft Palate Association, the Teratology Society, and the International Society for Craniofacial Biology. He participated in various birth defects meetings, including the first conference on the subject at Johns Hopkins University. An avid and long-time supporter of the March of Dimes, he served as Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Chicago chapter.

In addition to receiving many awards and honors, Dr. Pruzansky was the first nonsurgeon invited to deliver the V. H. Kazanjian lecture in plastic surgery at New York University. A memorial volume, "Craniofacial Dysmorphology: Studies in Honor of Samuel Pruzansky," was published as a tribute to his achievements.

### Previous Pruzansky Memorial Lecturers and their affiliations at the time of the award:

1999

#### Huntington F. Willard, PhD

Case Western Reserve University  
School of Medicine  
Cleveland, OH

1998

#### Henry A. Erlich, PhD

Roche Molecular Systems  
Alameda, CA

1997

#### Connie Eaves, PhD

Terry Fox Laboratory  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

1996

#### Clifford J. Tabin, PhD

Harvard Medical School  
Boston, MA

1995

#### Savio L. Woo, PhD

Center for Gene Therapy  
Baylor College of Medicine  
Houston, TX

1994

#### Scott F. Gilbert, PhD

Swarthmore College  
Swarthmore, PA

1992

#### Grant Sutherland, PhD, DSc

Adelaide Children's Hospital  
North Adelaide, SA, Australia

1991

#### D. Carleton Gajdusek, MD

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke  
Bethesda, MD

1990

#### Francis S. Collins, MD

Univ. of Michigan Medical School  
Ann Arbor, MI

#### Lap-Chee Tsui, PhD

Hospital for Sick Children  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

1989

#### Louis M. Kunkel, MD

Harvard Medical School  
Boston, MA

1988

#### Elizabeth D. Hay, MD

Harvard Medical School  
Boston, MA

1987

#### Drew Noden, MD

Cornell Univ.  
Ithaca, NY

1986

#### Sir Andrew Hurley, OM, FRS

Trinity College  
Cambridge, United Kingdom