THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject:

Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested:

Adoption of Retirement Memoir

José Jalife, M.D., Cyrus and Jane Farrehi Professor of Cardiovascular Research, professor of internal medicine, and professor of molecular and integrative physiology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on June 30, 2019.

Dr. Jalife received his B.A. degree from the Escuela Nacional Preparatoria, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in 1965 and his M.D. degree from the School of Medicine, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in 1972. He then served as an instructor of pharmacology at the National University of Mexico School of Medicine, before coming to the United States for postdoctoral training in pharmacology at the SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, New York, followed by additional training in cardiac electrophysiology at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica, New York. Dr. Jalife joined the faculty of the SUNY Upstate Medical Center as an assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacology in 1980, and was promoted to associate professor in 1981, and professor in 1984. He was also appointed chair of the Department of Pharmacology in 1988 and director of the Institute for Cardiovascular Research in 2001. Dr. Jalife joined the University of Michigan faculty as the Cyrus and Jane Farrehi Professor of Cardiovascular Research, professor of internal medicine, professor of molecular and integrative physiology, and director of the Center for Arrhythmia Research in 2008.

Dr. Jalife was widely recognized as a leader in the field of cardiac arrhythmias. He authored more than 275 peer-reviewed publications, served as an editor of 14 books, and had an outstanding record of extramural funding. He was the recipient of numerous awards and served on many study sections and editorial boards. Dr. Jalife was a committed educator who provided extensive mentoring to graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty. Institutionally, Dr. Jalife served as a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee for the Medical School and the Executive Committee of the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. He was actively involved in a number of national societies, including the American College of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, and the Heart Rhythm Society.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming José Jalife, professor emeritus of internal medicine and professor emeritus of molecular and integrative physiology.

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