THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

W. John Judd, F.I.B.M.S., professor of immunohematology, Department of Pathology, Medical School, will retire from active faculty status on August 31, 2008.

Professor Judd received his A.I.M.L.T. degree from Mid-Essex Technical College, Chelmsford, England in 1967, and his F.I.B.M.S. degree from Sir John Cass College, London, England in 1969. He was a lecturer at the Mid-Essex Technical College from 1968-72, and a visiting lecturer at Sir John Cass College from 1969-74. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor of medical technology in 1974, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1977 and associate professor in 1982. In 1987, with the discontinuance of the medical technology teaching program, Professor Judd’s academic title was changed to associate professor of immunohematology, and in 1990, he was promoted to professor.

Professor Judd has made important contributions to the Department of Pathology and to the field of immunohematology. For 32 years, from 1975-2007, he served as director of the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) Regional Blood Bank Reference Laboratory at the University of Michigan. His bibliography reflects more than 75 peer-reviewed publications, numerous review articles, and chapters in books. Professor Judd is the author of the AABB’s Practice Guidelines on Prenatal/Perinatal Immunohematology, and he is currently completing the 3rd edition of his textbook, Methods in Immunohematology.

Professor Judd served on the board of directors of the AABB from 1989-93, and has held a number of leadership positions in the Michigan Association of Blood Banks, including president (1985-86), chair of the specialist in blood banking program committee (1991-99), and member of the executive board (1980-82). He is a member of the International Society of Blood Transfusion, the British Society of Blood Transfusion, and serves on the editorial boards of Transfusion and Immunohematology. His honors include the AABB’s Ivor Dunsford Award in 1982, and the John Elliot Memorial Award in 2004.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scholar and educator by naming W. John Judd professor emeritus of immunohematology.

Requested by:

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