

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

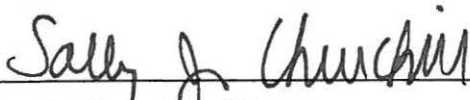
Ronald M. Cresswell, Ph.D., professor of medicinal chemistry in the College of Pharmacy, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2017.

Professor Cresswell received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in applied chemistry from the University of Glasgow in 1953 and 1960 respectively. He completed postdoctoral work in the field of nucleoprotein chemistry at Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York and is a graduate of the Harvard Advanced Management Program. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an adjunct professor in 1991 and was appointed professor in 1999.

Professor Cresswell's distinguished career began in 1962 as a senior biochemist at the international pharmaceutical firm Burroughs Wellcome Company, where he spent 25 years. His career there included a broad range of research and development positions, culminating in his responsibility for the company's worldwide research staff. He served as chief operating officer for a short time at Laporte Industries, Ltd., London, before joining the Worldwide Pharmaceutical Research and Development Division of the Warner-Lambert Company in 1988. The following year he was named chairman of the division, which became known as Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research, and in 1998 he was named senior vice president and chief scientific officer of the Warner-Lambert Company. His insight and wisdom led Parke-Davis into an era of significant growth and development, producing several drugs that extend the quality and duration of life for patients. His belief in the synergy between academic and industrial research has led to significant interactions between university scientists and those of industry. Professor Cresswell has been actively involved in the medicinal chemistry program in the College of Pharmacy, providing students and faculty the opportunity to learn how science is managed in the pharmaceutical industry and how academic science and industrial science complement one another. Professor Cresswell holds more than 20 U.S. patents and many foreign equivalents. He received an honorary degree from the University of Strathclyde in 1997.

The Regents now salute this distinguished scientist and educator for his dedicated service by naming **Ronald M. Cresswell, professor emeritus of medicinal chemistry**.

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