THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

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

Jonathan Maybaum, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology and associate professor of radiation oncology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on October 31, 2021.

Professor Maybaum received his B.S. degrees in chemistry and biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1976) and his Ph.D. degree in pharmaceutical chemistry from the University of California, San Francisco (1980). After postdoctoral training in pharmacology with Dr. H. George Mandel at George Washington University, he joined the University of Michigan faculty as an assistant professor of pharmacology in 1983, and was promoted to associate professor in 1989, and professor in 1995.

Upon arriving in Ann Arbor, Dr. Maybaum joined the Upjohn Center for Clinical Pharmacology, where he began a long and fruitful collaboration with Dr. William Ensminger and Dr. Theodore Lawrence, developing radio-chemotherapy approaches for treating colorectal and pancreatic cancers. Most recently this work culminated in a clinical trial that tested a novel combination of chemotherapy, cell cycle checkpoint inhibitors and radiation for the treatment of locally advanced pancreatic cancer, with very promising results. Throughout his career at the University of Michigan, Dr. Maybaum was active in the area of academic information technology, most notably as the principal inventor of UM.SiteMaker. This system, which allowed non-technical users to produce not only websites, but also powerful web databases, supported over 10,000 UM websites at the time of its peak utilization. For his work in this area, Dr. Maybaum was honored as a Computerworld Honors Laureate for “Visionary Use of Information Technology in Education and Academic” in 2003, and was a winner of the “Innovators Award” from Campus Technology magazine in 2006. Dr. Maybaum’s teaching activities were extensive and varied, impacting students in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, graduate and undergraduate programs. For these efforts, he was recognized with awards for excellence in teaching from the UM Medical School Honor Council in 1988 and 1999, as well as the EBS Teaching Award in Pharmacology in 2014, and admission to the UM Medical School’s League of Educational Excellence in 2015.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming Jonathan Maybaum, professor emeritus of pharmacology.

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