

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir


Gregory R. Dressler, Ph.D., Collegiate Professor of Pathology Research and professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2024.

Dr. Dressler received a B.Sc.E. and a Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981 and 1986 respectively. He completed post-doctoral training at the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Goettingen, Germany. Subsequently, he was appointed a senior staff fellow at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in Bethesda, MD. In 1995, Dr. Dressler was appointed assistant professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan Medical School and assistant investigator in the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 2000 and professor in 2007. In 2008, he received the Collegiate Professorship in Pathology Research from which he is now retiring.

Dr. Dressler's work focused on kidney development and kidney disease. The lab discovered multiple genes and pathways that control development of the urogenital system and can contribute to chronic and acute renal disease upon deregulation. His work is widely recognized in nephrology and developmental biology, garnering over 16,000 citations. Since 1996, his work was continuously funded by multiple grants from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease, with over 60 calendar years of awards. He has thrice served as a permanent member of NIH study sections and held editorial positions at the *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology*, the *Journal of Biological Chemistry*, and the *American Journal of Physiology-Renal Physiology*. He is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was awarded the Dean's Basic Science Award in 2007. At the Medical School, Dr. Dressler has served on multiple committees, including admissions, curriculum, graduate pre-lims, animal use and care, and academic promotions and tenure. He was course director for Pathology 582 for 25 years and lectured yearly in Pathology 581. As part of his education mission, Dr. Dressler also mentored four clinical fellows with K08 awards, six pre-doctoral students, and 14 post-doctoral fellows, all of whom now have careers in academics or industry.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Gregory R. Dressler, professor emeritus of pathology**.

Requested by:



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