Tyler Distinguished Lecturers

The Varro E. Tyler Distinguished Lectureship was established in honor of Dr. Tyler to recognize his many contributions to the development of the professional and research programs in the College of Pharmacy during his 20 years tenure as Dean (1968-1988). The next lecture will be held on September 4, 2019.

2019 Varro E. Tyler Distinguished Lecturer
William Charman is a Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor in the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University; and the Chair of the FIP (International Pharmaceutical Federation) Education Committee. He was previously the founding Director of the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (2007-2017) and the Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University from 2007 through June 2019.

He received his B Pharm from the Victorian College of Pharmacy (now Monash University) in 1981, his PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry (with honours) from the University of Kansas in 1985, and a DSc (honoris causa) from the University of London in 2011.

The annual QS World University Subject Rankings for 2015-2018 (in the pharmacy and pharmacology discipline) rank Monash University as the number one program in the AsiaPacific region, and within the top three programs worldwide.

He has received many National and International drug discovery, pharmaceutical science, and professional awards during his career. He is recognised by Thomson Reuters/Clarivate Analytics as a Highly Cited Researcher in the field of Pharmacology and Toxicology. His research has been characterised by a multidisciplinary and collaborative approach to address major issues in drug discovery (especially for neglected diseases such as malaria), drug delivery and the pharmaceutical sciences. He has published more than 370 scientific papers and communications and given over 200
invited national and international presentations.

Previously, he was Chairman of the Wellcome Trust Seeding Drug Discovery Funding Committee (a £210M early stage drug discovery initiative); a member of the Expert Scientific Advisory Committee of the Medicines for Malaria Venture; an advisor to the World Health Organisation; a co-founder and Non-Executive Director of Acrux Limited; and a Chair/Member of Scientific Advisory Boards and two Corporate Boards.

Previous Lecturers

2017: Julia A. Johnson
2016: Gunda I. Georg (November)
2016: Lawrence A. Trissel (March)
2015: No speaker
2014: Nick Barber
2013: Philip S. Portoghese
2012: Stephen P. Spielberg
2011: David W. Bates
2010: Richard B. Silverman
2009: Suzanne Hill

2008: Michael R. Cohen
      Jack E. Dixon
2006: Janet Woodcock
2005: J. Lyle Bootman
2004: Joseph R. Robinson
2003: Daniel H. Rich
2001: William E. Evans
2000: Jane E. Henney
1999: Palmer Taylor
1998: Christopher T. Walsh


1996: Gerhard Levy


1994: D. Craig Brater

1993: Allan H. Conney

1992: Gertrude B. Elion

1991: Donald J. Cram

1990: Avedis Donabedian

1989: Arvid Carlsson

1988: Leslie Z. Benet

1987: Alan R. Battersby