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UC Professor to Receive Leadership Award

Richard C. Van Sluyters, Professor of Optometry at UC, Berkeley, has been named the 2002 recipient of the California Society for Biomedical Research Biomedical Research Leadership Award.

Van Sluyters is being recognized for his leadership at both the state and national level, through his leadership of organizations that support and defend research, his recognition of the importance and support of science education within the state of California, and for his tireless leadership of the California Biomedical Research Association over the past years.

Each year the California Society for Biomedical Research recognizes an individual who has contributed significant support to the field of biomedical research in California and displayed support for education and public outreach on science and biomedical issues, thereby actively participating in furthering medical advancements.

Past recipient of this award include Senator Dianne Feinstein for her support for increasing federal research funding and California's science and technology industry and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi for her significant role in increasing in the National Institutes of Health's research budgets.

Van Sluyters has served on the Council of the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research of the National Academy of Sciences, and is a current member of the Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Research (AAALAS). He has been invited to present expert testimony before the California State Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives on topics of biomedical research. At UC, Berkeley, he has served as chair of the Faculty of the School of Optometry and faculty assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Research. He is a member of the Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute and is chair of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. In addition to this award, Dr. Van Sluyters has received numerous other awards including an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship and a Miller Institute for Basic Research Fellowship.

Van Sluyters has been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association for Biomedical Research, and currently is a member of the board of Americans for Medical Progress and is in his third year as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the California Biomedical Research Association.

The California Biomedical Research Association is the companion organization of the California Society for Biomedical Research. They are based in Sacramento and are membership and education organizations that advocate for the continued advancement of human and animal health through biomedical research, teaching, and testing; promote public understanding, education, and support of biomedical research; and participate in legislation at the local and state level. www.ca-csbr.org and www.ca-biomed.org.

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