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Markus Stoffel, MD, PhD, Receives American Diabetes Association's Distinguished Achievement Award

— Stoffel Presented with Outstanding Scientific Achievement Award —

Washington, DC (June 12, 2006) – The American Diabetes Association (ADA), the nation's largest and leading voluntary health organization in the fight against diabetes, announced that Markus Stoffel, MD, PhD, today received the Association's prestigious Outstanding Scientific Achievement Award at the organization's 66th Scientific Sessions, which runs through June 13.

The Outstanding Scientific Achievement Award recognizes research in diabetes that demonstrates particular independence of thought and originality.

"On behalf of the American Diabetes Association, we are delighted to present this prestigious award to Dr. Markus Stoffel," said Robert A. Rizza, MD, President, Medicine & Science, American Diabetes Association. "Dr. Stoffel's work has helped us understand the genetic origins of type 2 diabetes and will someday have a huge impact on clinical care."

Dr. Stoffel is currently the Robert and Harriet Heilbrunn Professor and Director of the Laboratory of Metabolic Diseases at the Rockefeller University in New York City. Dr. Stoffel's significant contributions include research in the relationships between genetics and diabetes. Using these discoveries, he has gone on to utilize genetics as a tool to understand many basic aspects of metabolic regulation.

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More than 15,000 top scientists, physicians and other health care professionals from around the world shared cutting-edge research, treatment recommendations and advances toward a cure for diabetes at the Association's 66th Scientific Sessions in Washington, DC.

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body's ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood sugar to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Nearly 21 million children and adults in the U.S. have diabetes. And, an additional 41 million have pre-diabetes. Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death by disease in the United States and it has no cure.

The American Diabetes Association is the nation's premier voluntary health organization supporting diabetes research, information and advocacy. The Association's mission is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. Founded in 1940, the Association provides services to hundreds of communities across the country. For more information please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES (1-800-342-2383) or visit www.diabetes.org. Information from both these sources is available in English and Spanish.

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