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**MEDIA RELEASE**  
**FIP DISTINGUISHED SCIENCE AWARD**

Basel, Switzerland, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2008 – The Bureau of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has awarded the 2008 Distinguished Science award to **Dr Jennifer Dressman** (Germany). The FIP Distinguished Science Award is presented biennially in even years to an individual or group who has made outstanding contribution to the pharmaceutical sciences.

Dr Dressman graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the Victorian College of Pharmacy in Melbourne, Australia in 1976 and is a registered pharmacist in Victoria, Australia. She was awarded the C.J. Tonkin Scholarship, which she says, 'was pivotal to my ability to pursue a Masters degree at the College.' While at the college Professor Dressman was also awarded the honourable Intersearch Scholarship allowing her to undertake her Masters of Science and PhD in Pharmaceutical Chemistry at The University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, USA. She then held research positions with Burroughs Wellcome Company as a research pharmacist and INTERx Corporation as a senior research chemist.

In 1983, she joined the faculty at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI, USA as an Assistant Professor then later promoted to Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics. Currently Dr Dressman is the Director and a current professor of the Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology at Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany.

Dr Dressman has made her presence in the academic scientific community. She was a Visiting Fellow at the National Institute of Hygienic Sciences in Tokyo, Japan in 1989 and a Visiting Professor at the Universities of Paris XI in 1992 and Auvergne in 1998. She was chosen as the Parke-Davis Distinguished Scientist by the University of Cincinnati, USA and in 2006 was the GlaxoSmithKline Distinguished Speaker in Drug Delivery at the University of North Carolina, USA.

She has greatly contributed to the pharmaceutical community as a pharmacist, lecturer, professor, scientist, author and editor. Dr Dressman's honours and awards include the Pharmacy Board of Victoria Prize, the C.J. Tonkin Scholarship, an Australian Government Post-Graduate Award, the 1987 Ebert Prize, the Proctor and Gamble Award, election to Fellow status in the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS), honorary member of Phi Lambda Upsilon and the 2003 Phoenix Prize. Dr Dressman is also on the editorial board of several major publications, including: the European Journal of Pharmaceutics and Biopharmaceutics, Dissolution Technologies, European Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology.

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Dr Dressman has made vast contributions to the global scientific community and has been involved in many organisations. She works closely with the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop guidelines for approval of generic drugs and her laboratories in Frankfurt were officially made a Collaborating Center of the WHO in 2006 where she is the director. She also holds the position of Technical Advisor to Quality and Safety: Medicines for WHO. Dr Dressman also works closely with FIP in key Working Groups and has a membership with Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Pharmazeutischen Verfahrenstechnik (APV) and is a past president of the Controlled Release Society (CRS).

The FIP Distinguished Science Award was presented to **Dr Jennifer Dressman** during the Opening Ceremony of the FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Basel, Switzerland. FIP would like to extend deserved congratulations to Dr Dressman and acknowledge her for her outstanding contribution to the world of pharmaceutical sciences.