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17 NEW MEMBERS CHOSEN BY SCIENCE ACADEMY

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Academy of Sciences today announced the election of 17 new members in recognition of their distinguished and continuing scientific achievements. The new members will be inducted into the WSAS at the third annual meeting in Kirkland, WA on September 16. Those elected today bring the total number of active members to 128.

The Washington State Academy of Sciences provides expert scientific and engineering analysis to inform public policy-making, and works to increase the role and visibility of science in the State of Washington.

Additional information about the Academy and its members is available online at <http://www.washacad.org/>

Dr. James Thomas, one of the newly elected members, passed away August 6, 2010. Dr. Thomas was founder of the National Visualization and Analytics Center (NVAC) and was recognized as the international leader in establishing the growing science of visual analytics. He served the national/international science community for nearly 40 years and will be inducted into the Washington State Academy of Sciences posthumously.

Newly elected members and their affiliations at the time of election are:

Besser, Thomas, Professor, School for Global Animal Health, Washington State University.

Champoux, James, Professor, Professor and Chair of Microbiology, University of Washington.

Dillman, Don, Regents Professor, Departments of Sociology and Community and Rural Sociology, Washington State University, Deputy Director, Social and Economic Science Research Center.

Graeber, Raymond, Senior Technical Fellow and Chief Engineer Human Factors, The Boeing Company (Retired).

Hilborn, Ray, Richard C. and Lois M. Worthington Professor of Fisheries Management, University of Washington.

Hirschman, Charles, Professor of Public Affairs, Boeing International Professor of Sociology, Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington.

Kaplan, David, Professor of Physics, Director, Institute for Nuclear Theory, University of Washington.

Konopka, Alan, Director of Microbiology, Pacific Northwest National Laboratories.

Levi, Margaret, Jere L. Bacharach Professor of International Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Director of the CHAOS (Comparative Historical Analysis of Organizations and States).

McAlees, David, Consultant, Terra Power, LLC., retired Senior VP, Exxon Nuclear Company and Co-Director, Siemens Nuclear Division

Meltzoff, Andrew, Professor, Department of Psychology, Job and Gertrud Tamaki Endowed Chair, Co-Director, University of Washington Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences.

Pietsch, Theodore, Professor, Professor, Aquatic & Fishery Sciences, Curator of Fishes, Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, University of Washington.

Poovalah, B. W., Regents Professor, Department of Horticulture, Washington State University.

Quinn, Thomas, Professor, Aquatic & Fishery Sciences, University of Washington.

Smith, Richard, Battelle Fellow and Chief Scientist in the Biological Sciences Division and Director of Proteomics Research at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Thom, Ronald, Marine Sciences Laboratory, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Members who will be inducted into the Washington State Academy of Sciences by virtue of being newly elected into the National Academy of Sciences (IOM, NAE, NAS):

Brownlee, Don, Professor, Department of Astronomy, University of Washington, and principal investigator for Stardust, a NASA Discovery mission that captured comet particles and returned them to earth.

Kuhl, Patricia, Endowed Chair, Bezos Family Foundation for Early Childhood Learning, Co-Director, UW Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences, Director, NSF Science of Learning Center (LIFE) and Professor, Department of Speech & Hearing Sciences.

Members who will be inducted into the Washington State Academy of Sciences by virtue of being elected into the National Academy of Sciences (IOM, NAE, NAS) in 2009:

Harwood, Caroline, Professor, Department of Microbiology, University of Washington
McElwain, Terry, Professor, School for Global Animal Health, Washington State University
O'Donnell, Matthew, Frank & Julie Jungers Dean of Engineering, University of Washington
Pingali, Prabhu, Deputy Director, Agricultural Development, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Raftery, Adrian, Blumstein-Jordan Professors of Statistics and Sociology, University of Washington
Thompson, Elizabeth, Professor, Department of Statistics, University of Washington
Wise, Phyllis, Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, Biology, and Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Washington