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National Foundation for Infectious Diseases Announces Prestigious 2018 Award Recipients

Bethesda, Md. (November 9, 2017) - The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) has selected **Roger I. Glass, M.D., Ph.D.**, as recipient of the 2018 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award, **Kathryn M. Edwards, M.D.**, as recipient of the 2018 Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement and **Anne Schuchat, M.D. (Rear Adm., U.S. Public Health Service)**, as recipient of the 2018 John P. Utz Leadership Award.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to public health over several decades and his outstanding leadership in research and vaccine policy which have helped to improve the health of children worldwide in the prevention of rotavirus, through the use of vaccines, NFID has selected **Roger I. Glass, M.D., Ph.D.**, to receive the 2018 Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Humanitarian Award.

“For three decades, Dr. Glass has been a global champion for research on rotavirus, the development of safe, effective and affordable rotavirus vaccines and for their inclusion in national programs for childhood immunization. Dr. Glass is not only an outstanding internationally recognized scientist but also a tireless advocate for health equity and delivery of the most effective vaccines to children throughout the world. Beyond these scientific and policy contributions, Dr. Glass has trained and mentored countless young investigators, many of whom are now in leadership positions worldwide. He has instilled in trainees a love for science, academic rigor and integrity, and a commitment to the public good,” said Mathuram Santosham, M.D., M.P.H., professor in the Department on International Health and Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University.

In presenting the 2018 Maxwell Finland Award for Scientific Achievement, NFID recognizes **Kathryn M. Edwards, M.D.**, as one of the world's authorities on vaccinology, pediatric respiratory infections and pneumococcal disease. A member of the National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Edwards has made seminal discoveries in pediatric infectious diseases with work ranging from basic discovery, translational research, clinical trials and implementation. “Based on the myriad contributions to science that Dr. Edwards has made over her illustrious career, the tangible ways in which she has trained new generations of physicians and scientists, and the lasting impact her work will have, as well as her tireless dedication to the field, demonstrate how deeply deserving of this award she truly is. All who know her would echo my sentiment that she is one of the giants of pediatric infectious diseases,” said C. Buddy Creech, M.D., M.P.H., associate professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

Anne Schuchat, M.D. (Rear Adm., U.S. Public Health Service), has been selected to receive the 2018 John P. Utz Leadership Award in recognition of her demonstrated skillful, unselfish leadership in trying times, including long-standing service to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and support to NFID. The award was established in honor of the late John P. Utz, M.D., one of the original founders of NFID.

The 2018 awards will be presented during the 45th anniversary of NFID, at the 2018 NFID Annual Awards Dinner on May 10, 2018 in Washington, D.C. For additional information, visit www.nfid.org/awards.

About the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

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