



The American Association of Immunologists

Award Recipients for 2009

AAI proudly announces the recipients of 2009 AAI Awards for outstanding research and career achievements. Recipients will be recognized at the 96th AAI Annual Meeting, **IMMUNOLOGY 2009™**

AAI Lifetime Achievement Award

In recognition of distinguished scientific accomplishment and extraordinary service to AAI

Steven J. Burakoff, M.D.

The Tisch Cancer Institute, Mount Sinai Medical Center



Dr. Burakoff's illustrious career has embodied the accomplishments in science and service that the AAI Lifetime Achievement Award honors. In service to the immunology community as an oncologist, research scientist, and administrator, he has dedicated a lifetime to defining the field of T cell biology and unmasking its signaling pathways while inspiring over 50 pre- and post-doctoral trainees. In roles ranging from department chair to cancer institute director, he has proven to be not only a producer of consistently great science but also a gifted administrator. Dr. Burakoff's enduring contributions extend well beyond his own professional arena through his long and valued service on the AAI Council (as Secretary-Treasurer), Finance Committee (including as Chair), Publications Committee, and *The Journal of Immunology* (*The JI*) editorial board.

AAI Excellence in Mentoring Award

In recognition of exemplary career contributions to a future generation of scientists

David Baltimore, Ph.D.

California Institute of Technology



Dr. Baltimore's scientific contributions rank among the most important in biomedical science. He has made an equally lasting imprint on the field as an inspiring role model and mentor to more than 200 trainees. His extraordinarily creative and rigorous approach to basic science, as well as his remarkable personal integrity and deep sense of responsibility to the greater scientific community, have had a transformative influence on the careers of his trainees.

AAI Distinguished Service Award

For dedicated leadership as Chair of the AAI Program Committee (2006-2009)

John G. Monroe, Ph.D.

Genentech, Inc.



Dr. Monroe provided exemplary leadership and outstanding dedication as Chair of the AAI Program Committee. His efforts sustained and enhanced the standard for excellence in scientific and social programming that characterizes the AAI Annual Meeting and advances the interests of AAI members at every career stage.

AAI-Invitrogen Meritorious Career Award

For outstanding research contributions to the field of immunology

Michael J. Bevan, Ph.D.

HHMI, University of Washington



Dr. Bevan has defined many of the basic tenets of T cell immunology during the course of his distinguished career. Beginning in the 1970s, Dr. Bevan published a series of groundbreaking findings widely validated over time. His observations have led to the discovery of antigen cross-priming, positive selection of T lymphocytes through self-MHC, and the illumination of how effective CD8⁺ T cell memory responses are generated. Many strategies underlying immunotherapy and cancer-vaccine development are based on Dr. Bevan's research.

AAI-Dana Foundation Award in Human Immunology Research

For significant and sustained achievement in immunology research pertinent to human disease pathogenesis, prevention, and therapy

Jacques Banchereau, Ph.D.

Baylor Institute for Immunology Research



This award recognizes Dr. Banchereau both for his pioneering work on human B cells and dendritic cells, and for his significant contributions to the understanding and therapeutic modulation of human disease. His establishment of the Baylor Institute for Immunology Research has fostered intense collaboration and complementation between basic scientists and clinicians representing expertise in cancer, autoimmunity, infectious diseases, and transplantation, yielding significant progress in translational research.

AAI-BD Biosciences Investigator Award

For outstanding, early-career research contributions to the field of immunology

Chen Dong, Ph.D.

The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center



Dr. Dong has made a host of important contributions to the competitive fields of costimulation and peripheral T cell differentiation, most recently in the description of the inflammatory Th17 cell subset. This award recognizes Dr. Dong, already a leader in his field at an early stage of his career, for both his impressive accomplishments to date and for his clear promise of continued success in the future.