2011 Dickson Awardee: Jerry Schneider

Dr. Schneider received his medical training from Northwestern University, Johns Hopkins, and the NIH. He has been involved in cystinosis research for 30 years. His career in cystinosis began at the NIH. Currently, Dr. Schneider is a Professor of Pediatrics at UCSD. Dr. Schneider had a long, distinguished career and an internationally recognized researcher and clinician in pediatric cystinosis. Since his retirement in 2004, he has continued being active in research and healthcare, with great career-capping achievements.

Dr. Schneider co-chaired both the First International Cystinosis Research Symposium in 2008, and the Second International Cystinosis Research Symposium in 2010. He also served on the Board of Directors and chaired the Scientific Review Board of the Cystinosis Research Foundation, an organization founded through the philanthropy of the parents of a six-month-old child in whom Dr. Schneider originally diagnosed cystinosis twenty years prior.

Additionally, Dr. Schneider also devotedly collaborated in efforts to develop drugs that have resulted in significant improvement in the quality and length of life of cystinosis patients. He has also continued to publish important contributions to the literature of pediatric cystinosis and is providing regular consultations in response to patients, families, and physicians seeking his expertise in the diagnosis and management of the disease. Dr. Schneider actively mentored eight younger physicians working in various specialties. Dr. Schneider has compiled an outstanding record of service to the UCSD campus and to the larger community of medical patients, their families, and other clinicians.