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Dr. Robert L. Ullrich Appointed as Associate Chief of Research at the Radiation Effects Research Foundation, Hiroshima, Japan



WASHINGTON -- The National Academy of Sciences is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Robert L. Ullrich as Associate Chief of Research at the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) in Hiroshima, Japan. He will join RERF on November 1, 2013.

Dr. Ullrich is the John Sealy Distinguished Chair in Cancer Biology, Director of the Sealy Center for Cancer Biology, and Interim Director of the Cancer Center at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. He is recognized internationally for his groundbreaking research on mechanisms and risk of cancer following exposure to ionizing radiation and for his scientific leadership of laboratory, academic, and medical programs. Dr. Ullrich received the Radiation Research Society's Failla Award in 2012 for outstanding research contributions in radiation science.

Dr. Ullrich will work with RERF Chief of Research Dr. Roy Shore to provide scientific leadership of the Foundation's research programs in clinical medicine, epidemiology, genetics, and radiobiology. An important focus of Dr. Ullrich's work at RERF will be on the application of biology, genomics, and bioinformatics to advance the scientific understanding of radiation carcinogenesis in humans.

RERF is a bi-national foundation supported by the governments of Japan and the United States, the latter represented by the U.S. Department of Energy, and is a global leader in the study of long-term effects of radiation exposure on human health and its interactions with genes, lifestyle, and environment. The National Academy of Sciences has a long-standing cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy to recruit and employ U.S. scientists at RERF. Additional information about RERF and its research programs can be found on the RERF website at rerf.or.jp.

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