

ALAIN FISCHER HONORED AT IPPC 2010 WITH HILFENHAUS AWARD

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DR. ALAIN FISCHER WAS HONORED BY PPTA

with the prestigious Hilfenhaus Award at the 2010 International Plasma Protein Congress (IPPC) in Berlin, Germany, for his outstanding research in the area of pediatric immunology.

Named after Dr. Joachim Hilfenhaus, former head of PPTA's Viral Safety Working Party who died in 1996, the Hilfenhaus Award recognizes individuals who have made contributions to patient access to safe plasma protein therapies.

The last two award winners were Prof. Jose-Luis Valverde, a well-known politician, professor, and publisher and Prof. Johannes Oldenburg, who was honored for his contribution in the fields of immuno-haematology and transfusion medicine and the treatment of people with hemophilia in Bonn, Germany – the world's largest hemophilia center.

Dr. Alain Fischer studied biochemistry and pediatric immunology at the Universite Paris Jussieu and has been the director of a unit dedicated to “normal and pathological

development of the immune system” at the National Health Institute of Medical Research (INSERM) since 1991.

In addition to his position at INSERM, he also serves as a professor of pediatric immunology at the Universite Rene Descartes and as a professor at the Institut Universitaire de France. Since 1996, Dr. Fischer has served as the director of the pediatric immunology department at Hospital Necker. His main fields of research are gene therapy, genetics of immunological disorders, primary immunodeficiency diseases and development of the lymphoid system.

In November 2002, Dr. Fischer was elected member of the French Academy of Science and he is a member of the National Advisory Committee of Ethics since 2003. In 2008, he received the INSERM “Grand Prix” for his career achievements. He has also received the Halpern Prize in 1984, the Behring-Metchnikoff Prize in 1992, the Prix du Comité du Rayonnement français in 1994, and the Jung Prize for medicine in 1998.

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Laurent de Narbonne, Octapharma, awards Dr. Alain Fischer with the 2010 Hilfenhaus Award.

