

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

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### ACTION REQUEST

**Subject:** Report of Faculty Retirement

**Action Requested:** Adoption of Retirement Memoir

**Cynthia L. Marcelo, Ph.D.**, research professor, Medical School, retired from active faculty status on August 31, 2011.

Professor Marcelo received her B.S. degree from the College of Mount Saint Vincent in 1967, and her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York in 1969 and 1973, respectively. From 1973-75, she was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan. She joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in the Department of Dermatology in 1975, and was an assistant professor from 1980-83 and an associate research scientist and lecturer from 1983-94. She joined the Department of Surgery as an associate research scientist in 1995, and was promoted to senior research scientist in 1997 and research professor in 2003.

Professor Marcelo is recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in the fields of plastic surgery, epithelial keratinocyte, lipid and cutaneous biology, and adult stem cell function and use in translational research. Her early research in the area of cutaneous biology, second messenger signaling in skin disease, lipid biochemistry and biophysics, and wound treatment led to an in-depth understanding of epithelial biology. These studies have translated in cutaneous, mucosal, and burn therapies and led to the formation of a University of Michigan start-up company. Professor Marcelo has published more than 91 articles and received seven patents. She has mentored 27 post-doctoral students and coordinated the Section of Plastic Surgery training grant. She has been a member and chaired a number of National Institutes of Health study groups.

The Regents now salute this distinguished researcher, educator, and leader for her dedicated service by naming **Cynthia L. Marcelo research professor emerita**.

**Requested by:**



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Vice President and Secretary of the University

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