

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Approved by the Regents

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Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Bertram Schnitzer, M.D., professor of pathology in the Medical School, retired from active faculty status on December 31, 2007.


Dr. Schnitzer received his B.A. degree from New York University in 1952, and his M.D. degree from the University of Basle Medical School in Switzerland in 1958. He completed his internship at Baltimore City Hospital in 1958-59, and pursued his residency at Georgetown University Medical Center from 1959-63. During his residency, he served as chief resident from 1961-63 and was an NCI trainee and NIH fellow. From 1963-66, Dr. Schnitzer served as assistant pathologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C. He joined the University of Michigan faculty as an instructor in pathology in 1966, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1967, associate professor in 1970, and professor in 1974.

Recognized internationally as a leader in the fields of hematology and hematopathology, in 1976 Dr. Schnitzer received the first International Giovanni di Guglielmo Prize in Hematology for studies on erythroleukemias. His research in transmission and scanning electron microscopy resulted in many important publications in *Science*, including a cover photo, and his publications included hundreds of other articles in peer-reviewed journals, two books, and numerous book chapters. Dr. Schnitzer has served on numerous committees, expert review panels, test panels, and editorial boards, and he was president of the Society for Hematopathology in 1990. He is much sought after as a visiting lecturer, having presented over 140 courses, lectures and workshops throughout the world.

Dr. Schnitzer's administrative roles included serving as a consultant to the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital and director of the Clinical Hematology Laboratory, the University Health Service Clinical Laboratories, and the Hematopathology Fellowship Training Program. He took great satisfaction from his contributions to optimal patient care and from teaching his many residents and fellows through the years. A number of his protégés have become leaders at prestigious institutions across the country.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Bertram Schnitzer professor emeritus of pathology**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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