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DFCON NAMES DR. BENJAMIN A. LIPSKY 2008 OLMOS AWARD HONOREE

Benjamin A. Lipsky, MD, has been named the Edward James Olmos Award for Advocacy in Amputation Prevention Honoree for 2008 by DFCon 08, the Global Diabetic Foot Conference, announced George Andros, MD, and David G. Armstrong, DPM, PhD, conference co-chairmen.

Dr. Lipsky is professor of medicine at the University of Washington in Seattle and director of the General Internal Medicine Clinic and head of the Antibiotic Research Clinic at VA Puget Sound Health Care System, also in Seattle.

“In challenging many preconceived notions about wounds and the nature of bacterial infection, Prof. Lipsky has fundamentally changed and refined our understanding of antimicrobial therapy in this field,” said Dr. Armstrong. “The randomized trials conducted by Dr. Lipsky and others have provided a foundation for years of future work in amputation prevention,” Dr. Armstrong said.

Dr. Andros noted that Dr. Lipsky has conducted pioneering research in the diagnosis and treatment of foot infections in diabetic patients and has conducted studies evaluating new antimicrobial agents in treating bacterial infections.

The Olmos Award is named after Edward James Olmos, the Emmy-winning and Oscar-nominated actor who has devoted much of his career to limb salvage and amputation prevention efforts and who presents the award annually at DFCon.

Previous honorees include Karel Baker, MD, Heemstede, The Netherlands, 2003; Andrew J. M. Boulton, MD, Manchester, England, 2005; Gary W. Gibbons, MD, Boston, 2006; and Christopher E. Attinger, MD, Washington, DC, 2007.

The award will be presented at DFCon 08. The international conference is set for March 13-15, 2008, at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Los Angeles. The 2007 conference attracted more than 800 delegates from all 50 states and 29 foreign countries.

Dr. Lipsky received his medical degree from Cornell University in 1973. His internship and residency were at the University of Washington, where he was Chief Medical Resident and also held a fellowship in infectious diseases. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and Infectious Diseases Society of America. An internationally known speaker and lecturer, Dr. Lipsky is the author of more than 170 professional articles and book chapters and co-author of two textbooks on antibiotic therapy. He was also Chairman of the

committees that produced both the International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot and the Infectious Diseases Society of America guidelines on diabetic foot infections. Among his honors and awards are the R.W. Johnson Mentorship Award and the Eugene Furth Lectureship at East Carolina University.

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