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PETER R. CAVANAGH TO RECEIVE 2009 OLMOS AWARD FROM DFCON

Peter R. Cavanagh, PhD, DSc, of the University of Washington in Seattle has been named the 2009 Edward James Olmos Award for Advocacy in Amputation Prevention Honoree by DFCon, the Global Diabetic Foot Conference, announced DFCon 09 Conference Co-Chairs George Andros, MD, and David G. Armstrong, DPM, PhD.

The Olmos Award will be presented by the conference co-chairs and by Edward James Olmos, the Academy and Tony award-nominated actor after whom the award is named, at ceremonies at the DFCon meeting March 19-21, 2009, at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Los Angeles.

DFCon is considered the premier international multidisciplinary diabetic foot meeting, and it attracts attendees from more than 50 foreign countries and all 50 U.S. states.

“Although Peter Cavanagh has achieved international fame and recognition for his work in space medicine, being associated with NASA for many years on research on bone and muscle loss and other issues in long-duration space travel and microgravity, it is for his equally pioneering work in the biomechanics of human locomotion as it relates to diabetic foot issues that we will honor him at DFCon,” said Dr. Andros.

“Dr. Cavanagh has been in the forefront of those bringing attention to biomechanical issues that are now widely recognized as vitally important in the treatment of diabetic foot disease,” Dr. Armstrong said.

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Before assuming his present position as a professor at the University of Washington, Dr. Cavanagh formerly was the Virginia Kennedy chairman of biomedical engineering at Lerner Research Institute and academic director of Diabetic Foot Care and co-director of the Center for Space Medicine at The Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland. Among other prestigious positions held during his career, he was distinguished professor of kinesiology, biobehavioral health, medicine and orthopaedics & rehabilitation at the Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Cavanagh has authored or edited over 400 papers, abstracts, chapters and books. He has served as president of both the American Society of Biomechanics and the International Society of Biomechanics and also Chair of the Council on Foot Care of the American Diabetes Association. He is the recipient of the Muybridge Medal of the International Society of Biomechanics, the Borelli Award from the American Society of Biomechanics and the Dyson Award from The International Society for the Biomechanics of Sport. Dr. Cavanagh has presented the Wolff and Dill Lectures for the American College of Sports Medicine and the Roger Pecoraro Lecture to the American Diabetes Association. He was the 2007 winner of the International Diabetic Foot Award at the 5th International Symposium on the Diabetic Foot in the Netherlands where he introduced a free on-line medical record for the diabetic foot (www.FootcareEverywhere.org).

After completing undergraduate studies at Loughborough College at the University of Nottingham, UK, Dr. Cavanagh received his PhD in anatomy and human biomechanics at the Royal Free Medical School at the University of London. He also received a DSc degree from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of London.

Previous Olmos award honorees include Karel Bakker, MD, Heemstede, The Netherlands, 2003; Andrew J. M. Boulton, MD, Manchester, England, 2005; Gary W. Gibbons, MD, 2006, Boston; Christopher E. Attinger, MD, 2007, Washington, DC; and Benjamin A. Lipsky, MD, 2008, Seattle.

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