In Marian’s honor, her husband, Dr. Herbert Kleber, their children and stepchildren, Elizabeth Kleber, Marc and Judith Kleber, Pamela Kleber-Shad and Rees Shad, Eric and Reva Fischman, Sharon Fischman and Michael Lazar, and Amanda and Matthew Henshon, in collaboration with many colleagues, both in CPDD and all across the country, have established the CPDD Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lectureship. It is fitting that the first lectureship established by CPDD be in remembrance of Marian, who was not only a wise, loving, and brave human being, but an outstanding scientist and mentor as well.

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Previous Recipients of the Marian W. Fischman Memorial Award

2002          Chris-Ellyn Johanson
2003          Maxine L. Stitzer
2004          Nancy K. Mello

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Award Presented to Mary Jeanne Kreek
by Warren K. Bickel

Monday, June 20, 2005 at 5:00 PM
Great Hall, Wyndham Palace Hotel
Orlando, Florida
Marian W. Fischman
Memorial Lectureship 2005 Awardee

Mary Jeanne Kreek, M.D.
Professor & Head, Laboratory of the Biology of Addictive Diseases
The Rockefeller University

Mary Jeanne Kreek, M.D., is a graduate of Wellesley College where she received Honors in chemistry and biology, and also of the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, where she received the M.D. degree. Dr. Kreek is the Patrick E. and Beatrice M. Haggerty Professor and Head of Laboratory, the Laboratory of the Biology of Addictive Diseases, at The Rockefeller University, and Senior Physician of The Rockefeller University Hospital in New York City. Dr. Kreek joined The Rockefeller Institute in 1964, and with Drs. Vincent P. Dole and the late Dr. Marie Nyswander, who also joined the team at that time, performed the initial studies of the use of a long-acting opioid agonist, methadone, in chronic management of heroin addiction. She is Principal Investigator and Scientific Director of an NIH-NIDA P-60 Research Center and is author of over 350 scientific reports and other articles. By molecular, cell biological, neurochemical, behavioral and basic clinical research studies, she has documented the role of the endogenous opioid system in cocaine, alcohol and heroin addiction. Her group has identified multiple novel polymorphisms of human mu and kappa opioid receptor genes and shown associations of specific variants or haplotypes of these two opioid receptor genes as well as two opioid peptide genes, dynorphin and enkephalin, with different specific addictive diseases. She has received several awards for her scientific research, including the R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Scientist Award of ASAM, the Betty Ford Award from AMERSA, and the Nathan B. Eddy Memorial Award presented by the College on Problems of Drug Dependence. In 2000, she was conferred with the Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Uppsala and in 2004 was awarded the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons Alumni Association's Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievements in Academic Medicine. She is currently President of the International Narcotic Research Conference.