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.

Previous Recipients of the Marian W. Fischman Memorial Award

2002  Chris-Elsyn Johanson
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2005  Mary Jeanne Kreek
2006  Linda Dykstra
2007  Dorothy K. Hatsukami

7th Annual Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lectureship

Award Presented to Edythe D. London
by Jerome H. Jaffe

Monday, June 16, 2008 at 3:45 PM
San Cristobal, Caribe Hilton
San Juan, Puerto Rico
Edythe D. London received graduate training in pharmacology from the University of Maryland and postdoctoral training in neuropsychopharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University. In 1980, Dr. London joined NIDA’s Intramural Research Program, where she directed the Brain Imaging Center until moving to UCLA in 2001. Dr. London conducts translational research on addiction, and has published over 330 scientific papers and edited three books. Some of her contributions include the observation that nicotinic receptor distribution was related to the cerebral metabolic response to nicotine, helping to resolve controversy regarding whether nicotinic receptors in brain were coupled to function. She extended this finding to development of probes to image nicotinic receptors. Dr. London’s team also first described the neural circuitry linked to cocaine craving in humans, leading to other studies that revealed commonalities in the circuitry involved in craving for a variety of drugs and to demonstrations of striatal dopamine release in response to cocaine-related cues. Dr. London’s group has extended this work to genetic and hormonal influences on cue-reactivity related to obesity. Dr. London’s current research focuses on the prefrontal cortex. Starting with one of the first reports of a structural cortical deficit in drug abusers, she moved to address cortical deficits related to impaired inhibitory control in addiction. A better understanding of inhibitory control mechanisms may advance new therapeutic approaches.