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Dr. Harriet de Wit wins 2009 CPDD Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lectureship Award

At the 2009 annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Harriet de Wit, Ph.D., will be presented the Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lectureship. The award acknowledges Dr. de Wit's mentorship of young investigators, and her many and varied research contributions in the field of substance abuse and drug addiction. The 2009 presentation will be made June 22 at the seventy-first annual meeting being held at John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort, Reno/Sparks, Nevada.

Dr. de Wit is a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience at the University of Chicago. She obtained her doctorate from Concordia University in Montreal. For the past 28 years, Dr. de Wit has conducted research on the psychopharmacology of drugs of abuse in human volunteers. Her research, funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, includes a diverse portfolio of topics, such as individual differences in acute responses to drugs, effects of drugs on impulsive behavior, and interactions between drugs and acute stress.

Dr. de Wit has been active in several professional organizations and serves as a Field Editor for *Psychopharmacology* and Deputy Editor of *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*. She also has been a mentor to graduate students and fellows, and until recently served on the NIDA Training and Career Development Subcommittee.

The Marian W. Fischman Memorial Lectureship Award was established in honor of Dr. Marian Weinbaum Fischman, a mentor to a generation of young investigators interested in the field of drug abuse. Dr. Fischman was an inspiration to many women in the sciences and a passionate advocate both for research and ethics. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence, the largest and oldest organization for the scientific study of drug dependence and addiction, has presented the Fischman Memorial Lectureship Award annually since 2002.

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