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Dr. Laura Bohn wins the 2009 CPDD Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award

Laura M. Bohn, Ph.D., will be awarded the 2009 College on Problems of Drug Dependence Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award recognizing early career excellence in the science of drug addiction. The presentation will be made on Sunday morning, June 21st, at the Plenary Session of the College's seventy-first annual meeting, to be held at John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort, Reno/Sparks, Nevada.

Dr. Bohn is an Associate Professor with tenure in the Department of Molecular Therapeutics at the recently established Scripps Research Institute in Jupiter Florida. She received undergraduate degrees in both Chemistry and Biochemistry from Virginia Tech and then a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from St. Louis University School of Medicine in January 1999, under the guidance of Dr. Carmine Coscia.

Dr. Bohn received post-doctoral and research faculty training in the laboratory of Dr. Marc Caron, HHMI investigator, at the Duke University Medical Center, where she also benefited from close collaborations with Dr. Robert Lefkowitz. She accepted a faculty position at The Ohio State University College of Medicine in the Departments of Pharmacology and Psychiatry in 2003, where she achieved tenure in 2007 before moving to the Scripps Research Institute in March 2009.

Dr. Bohn has been active in training graduate students, teaching medical courses, serving on study sections for both NIH and NSF, and she is an associate editor for the journal *Life Sciences*. Her training has been sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse in the form of graduate student, post-doctoral fellow, and early career investigator training awards. She has authored over 40 publications, 3 book chapters and holds one international patent. Dr. Bohn is the recipient of the Women in Neuroscience/Society for Neuroscience Career Development Award and The College on Problems of Drug Dependence Travel Award.

The Joseph Cochin Young Investigator Award is presented annually by the College on Problems of Drug Dependence to recognize research contributions by a young scientist. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence is the largest and oldest organization for the scientific study of drug dependence and addictions.

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