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### **Professor Hans Clevers wins the UEGF Research Prize 2010**

#### **Dutch scientist receives 100,000 euros in GI cancer research funding**

(Vienna, 5 October 2010) In order to promote international excellence in gastrointestinal (GI) research, the United European Gastroenterology Federation (UEGF) has established an annual research prize, which is going to be awarded for the third time. The recipient is Prof. Hans Clevers (Institute for Developmental Biology, Utrecht, The Netherlands). He is one of the world leaders in the GI cancer signaling and GI stem cell fields.

Prof. Clevers' most recent work has focused on GI stem cell markers, the differentiation of stem cells into intestinal tissue, and the role of key stem cell mutations in cancer development. The prize will help fund his future research plans to "develop techniques for ex vivo expansion and transplantation of stem cells from the human intestinal tract". The UEGF Research Prize will support Prof. Clevers, originally trained as an MD and a molecular biologist, to take his findings on the basic biology of stomach, intestinal and liver stem cells into the clinic.

The UEGF Research Prize is awarded annually to a scientist or a research group from the fields of gastroenterology or hepatology that has excelled in basic science or translational or clinical research. The prize consists of 100,000 euros to be used for the recipients' planned research projects.

The Scientific Committee selected Prof. Clevers as prize winner out of a large number of extremely strong applicants. The UEGF Research Prize will be awarded during the Opening Plenary Session on 25th October at the United European Gastroenterology Week (UEGW) 2010 in Barcelona. The UEGW is the largest conference of its kind in the whole of Europe. More than 12,000 participants from all over the world are expected. You will find further information on the conference and the full conference programme on the web site at: <http://uegw10.uegf.org/>

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