

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**Thursday, January 14, 2010****CONTACT:****Lee Florida****215-898-3790****lflorida@wistar.org****THE WISTAR INSTITUTE LAUNCHES NIKON SMALL WORLD EXHIBIT
OF PHOTOGRAPHY THROUGH THE MICROSCOPE**

PHILADELPHIA – (January 14, 2010) – The Wistar Institute and Nikon Small World launched the 2009 Nikon Small World exhibit of award-winning photographs taken through the light microscope on January 7. The exhibit is open free to the public through March 12, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at The Wistar Institute, 3601 Spruce Street, West Philadelphia.

Wistar is the only local host of this national exhibit of 20 winning images in Nikon's international photomicrography competition.

James Hayden, manager of Wistar's microscopy facility, captured fourth place in the photo micrograph contest. Hayden's winning image of an anglerfish ovary was taken with 2-channel autofluorescence with 4X objective. Frederick Keeney, of Wistar's microscopy facility, was awarded an image of distinction honor for his image of fluorescent squamous cell carcinoma. Keeney's image was taken in the course of a skin cancer research study at Wistar. In addition to its artfulness, it reveals valuable scientific data about squamous cell carcinoma.

In its 35th year, the Nikon Small World photo microscopy competition celebrates the complexity and beauty of the world as captured in photographs taken through the microscope. The winning images combine originality, informational content, technical proficiency, and visual impact. Specimens in this year's exhibit reflect a range of subjects including anglerfish ovary, starfish, cotton fiber, soap film, snowflake, and a rusted coin. The exhibit at Wistar is arranged in groups according photographic technique, educating visitors about how each image was created.

The Nikon Small World contest was founded in 1974 to recognize excellence in photography through the microscope. Each year, Nikon makes the winning images accessible to the public through the Nikon Small World calendar, a national museum tour, and an electronic gallery featured at www.nikonsmallworld.com.

Wistar launched the exhibit with a series of scientific lectures about the use of advanced imaging technologies in biomedical research. Speakers included Martin Chalfie, Ph.D., Columbia University, department of Biological Sciences and 2008 Nobel Laureate (shared Nobel Prize in Chemistry with Osamu Shimomura, Ph.D.; and Roger Y. Tsien, Ph.D.); Yale E. Goldman, M.D., Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, department of Physiology, and Director of the Pennsylvania Muscle Institute; and Meenhard Herlyn, D.V.M., D.Sc., The Wistar Institute, Molecular and Cellular Oncogenesis program.

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The Wistar Institute Leadership Council hosted an evening reception for Wistar friends and donors. Attendees had the opportunity to meet the 2009 Nikon Small World first place winner, Heiti Paves, Ph.D., from the Tallinn University of Technology in Tallinn, Estonia; fourth place winner, James Hayden, from The Wistar Institute Microscopy Facility; seventeenth place winner Rebekah R. Helton, Ph.D., from University of Delaware; and image of distinction honorees Frederick Keeney, from The Wistar Institute; and Theresa Freeman, Ph.D., from Thomas Jefferson University.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

2009 Nikon Small World winning images taken at The Wistar Institute, including James Hayden's fourth place winning image and Frederick Keeney's image of distinction are available by request. Contact: Lee Florida, 215-898-3790, lflorida@wistar.org

The Wistar Institute is an international leader in biomedical research with special expertise in cancer research and vaccine development. Founded in 1892 as the first independent nonprofit biomedical research institute in the country, Wistar has long held the prestigious Cancer Center designation from the National Cancer Institute. The Institute works actively to ensure that research advances move from the laboratory to the clinic as quickly as possible. The Wistar Institute: Today's Discoveries – Tomorrow's Cures. On the Web at www.wistar.org.

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