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*****Dr. Jonathan Uhr elected to National Academy of Sciences.

DALLAS -- Dr. Jonathan W. Uhr, chairman of the Department of Microbiology at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, the nation's top scientific advisory group.

Uhr, who is also professor of Microbiology and of Internal Medicine, is recognized internationally for his research in cellular immunology and the immunology of cancer. He is the first holder of the Mary Nell and Ralph B. Rogers Professorship in Immunology.

Of the 60 newly elected members, Uhr is the only one from Texas.

The academy is an organization of 1,428 distinguished scientists and engineers concerned with the furtherance of science and its use for human welfare. Its congressional charter of 1863 -- signed by Abraham Lincoln -- calls on the academy to serve as official advisor to the federal government although it is not a government agency.

Uhr received his M.D. from New York University School of Medicine in 1952. After completing an internship and residencies in pathology and medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, he joined the faculty at NYU School of Medicine. There he also directed the Irvington House Institute for Rheumatic Fever and Allied Diseases. He came to UTHSCD as professor and department chairman in 1972.

Elected as a student to Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha, an honor society for medical students, Uhr has received numerous other awards including the 1963 Newcomb Cleveland Prize of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the 1978 New York University Alumni Award for Achievement in the Basic Sciences.

Uhr serves as president of the American Association of Immunologists, consultant to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and member of the editorial boards of Cellular Immunology and Immunological Reviews. He is also a member of the U.S.-Japan Panel of the Cooperative Science Program in Immunology and a U.S. representative to the International Union of Immunological Societies. He served as program chairman of the First International Congress of Immunology in 1971 and has served on many other professional committees and editorial boards. He has published more than 250 scientific papers in the field of immunology.

The immunologist is the sixth faculty member of UTHSCD to be elected to NAS. The others are Dr. Samuel M. McCann, chairman of the Department of Physiology; Dr. Jean D. Wilson, professor of Internal Medicine; Dr. Michael Brown, director of the Center for Genetic Diseases; Dr. Joseph L. Goldstein, chairman of the Department of Molecular Genetics, and Dr. Ronald Estabrook, Virginia Lazenby O'Hara Professor of Biochemistry.

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