

News

Office of Medical Information
The University of Texas
5323 Harry Hines Boulevard

Dallas, Texas 75235-9060 214/688-3404

August 11, 1989

CONTACT: John Quinn
Office: 214/688-3404
Home: 214/402-9262
Fax: 214/688-8252

****New graduate school dean appointed

John Perkins, Ph.D., has been appointed dean of The University of Texas Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in Dallas.

Perkins had been professor and chairman of the Department of Pharmacology at the Yale University School of Medicine since 1985. From 1977 to 1984 he chaired the Department of Pharmacology at the University of North Carolina Medical School in Chapel Hill.

"For Southwestern to achieve its goal of becoming the nation's top academic medical center, its programs in graduate education must attract the very best students from across the country," said William Neaves, Ph.D., executive vice president for academic affairs at UT Southwestern. "John Perkins joins Southwestern to formulate and implement the plan that will elevate all of its graduate programs in biomedical science to national prominence.

"He comes with the credentials to ensure success. He is an active and authoritative researcher in receptor-mediated control of cellular function; he is a master teacher; and he has chaired two of the leading pharmacology departments in the United States."

Perkins spent the first decade of his career at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver, where he was an assistant professor of pharmacology from 1968 to 1973 and an associate professor from 1974 to 1977.

He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry and his master's degree in biochemistry at Arizona State University. His Ph.D. in pharmacology is from Yale

(More)

University. He also served a postdoctoral fellowship in biochemistry at the University of Washington in Seattle.

He received a National Institutes of Health Research Career Development Award from 1972 to 1977. In 1987 he chaired the Gordon Research Conference on Second Messengers and Protein Phosphorylation.

He is a member of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Association for Medical School Pharmacology.

Perkins has served on the editorial boards of numerous publications, including the Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, the Journal of Cyclic Nucleotide Research, of which he is a co-founder, the Journal of Biological Chemistry and the Journal of Molecular Pharmacology.

In addition to research-oriented activities, Perkins has dedicated much of his time to administrative duties over the years. At both the University of North Carolina and Yale, he directed the graduate studies programs in pharmacology. He has served on search committees and on curriculum advisory committees at both schools, as well as at the University of Colorado.

Perkins will dedicate about half his time at UT Southwestern to administrative duties, the other half to research. His work in pharmacology focuses on the molecular basis of hormone action.

Upon arriving in Dallas, he outlined three overall goals for the UT Southwestern graduate school: to improve the already outstanding level of graduate education available at the medical center, to raise the graduate school's profile on a national level and to work with the community to develop interest in science among junior high and high school students.

###

Note: The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas comprises Southwestern Medical School, Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School.