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UT SOUTHWESTERN PROFESSOR RECEIVES DOHERTY AWARD

DALLAS — April 14, 1996 — Dr. J.R. Falck of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas has been named the winner of the 1996 Wilfred T. Doherty Award by the Dallas-Fort Worth Section of the American Chemical Society.

The professor of molecular genetics was nominated for the award by UT Southwestern Nobel laureates Dr. Joseph Goldstein and Dr. Michael Brown. According to the society, the award is presented "to promote the advancement of chemistry and chemical engineering, to emphasize the contributions of those fields to modern society, and to publicly recognize the contributions of chemists and chemical engineers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

Brown, director of the Erik Jonsson Center for Research in Molecular Genetics and Human Disease, and Goldstein, chairman of molecular genetics, noted in nominating Falck that his research "interests in synthetic and organic chemistry have been skillfully integrated into several biomedical themes." Some of those areas cited by the laureates include cancer chemotherapy and the identification of a second molecular messenger for insulin function, which may have significant applications for persons with diabetes.

Falck said the award "gives UT Southwestern the visibility it deserves in the synthetic and organic chemistry community." Falck joined UT Southwestern in 1979 after completing his doctorate at Colorado State University and postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University. Falck also is adjunct professor of chemistry at Southern Methodist University.

He is the fourth UT Southwestern faculty member to receive the award since it was first presented in 1972. Other honorees include the late Dr. Morton F. Mason, a former professor emeritus of pathology, and biochemistry professors Dr. Ronald Estabrook and Dr. Paul A. Srere.

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