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The Foundation for Biomedical Research Announces Winners of the 7th Annual Michael E. DeBakey Journalism Awards

The award recognizes outstanding journalism demonstrating the essential role of humane animal research in medical discoveries and scientific breakthroughs.

WASHINGTON — The Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) today announces the winners of the 7th Annual Michael E. DeBakey Journalism Awards. The awards, named in honor of FBR's Chairman and 2008 Congressional Gold Medal recipient Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, recognize outstanding journalism that discusses the essential role of humane animal research in medical discoveries and scientific breakthroughs.

“All advances in medicine have an underlying basis in medical research,” said Dr. DeBakey. “It is absolutely critical to perform medical research if we are to advance medical science. All animal research - that I know of, in any institution that I'm familiar with - is done with great care; and is done with special concern for the ethical treatment of the animal.”

The 2008 winners are as follows: Gautam Naik of *The Wall Street Journal*, Marie McCullough of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Academy Awards nominated directors Steven Ascher and Jeanne Jordan, Richard Ingham and Pia Ohlin of *Agence France-Presse (AFP)*, Howard Bell of *Minnesota Medicine Magazine*, Tom Walsh of *The Ellsworth American*, and Terri Peterson Smith of *Science and Technology Magazine*. The judging panel was composed of both members of the media and the scientific community.

“We applaud a well-balanced and accurate discussion of animal research,” said FBR president Frankie Trull. “The DeBakey awards are a unique opportunity for scientists and the media to converge in celebration of strides in science and medicine.”

A ceremony to honor the winners will be held on Monday, June 23rd, 2008. For more information about the award winners and their work, please visit FBR's website: www.fbresearch.org.

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Established in 1981, FBR is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to educating the public about the essential role of humane animal research in the quest for medical advancements, treatments, and cures for both humans and animals. For more information visit www.fbresearch.org.