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### FIP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES AWARD

Salvador Bahia, Brazil, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2006 - The Bureau of the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) has awarded the 2006 *Lifetime Achievement in the Pharmaceutical Sciences Award* to Prof. Dr Atilla A. Hincal, (Turkey). The FIP Lifetime Achievement in Pharmaceutical Sciences Award is presented biennially to an individual who has displayed a longstanding commitment to the advancement of the pharmaceutical sciences.

Prof. Hincal graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy Degree from the University of Istanbul Faculty of Pharmacy in 1964, and went on to complete his PhD at the same institution in 1967. In 1974, he was named an Associate Professor of the Pharmaceutics Department at the Hacettepe University Faculty of Pharmacy, where he accepted full Professorship in 1979. Prof. Hincal currently Heads the Department of Pharmaceutics at the Hacettepe University at Ankara, Faculty of Pharmacy, and has brought his expertise to numerous academic institutions around the world.

Throughout his career, Prof. Hincal has authored over 20 books, 27 book chapters, and hundreds of research articles and presentations related to his research in many aspects of pharmaceutical science and chemistry, including but not limited to controlled drug delivery systems, formulation technology, stability, and bioavailability and bioequivalence of drugs.

Prof. Hincal has also taken his involvement in the profession outside of the laboratory to hold posts on numerous Boards of scientific journals within and outside of Turkey, and maintains active memberships in many National and International Federations, including FIP. His enduring presence at the annual FIP Congress has been a cornerstone of his International involvement. He has also been a Fellow of the AAPS since 1993, and founded the Turkish Doping Centre in 1988.

To mark his ongoing work, this distinguished scientist has previously been honoured as a Correspondent Member of the Spanish Royal Academy of Pharmacy since 1997; with a Doctor Honoris Causa from the Romania Bucharest University in 2006; and the "Sciences Award of the Turkish Pharmaceutical Society" for 2006.

The FIP *Lifetime Achievement Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences* was presented to Prof. Dr Atilla A. Hincal during the Opening Ceremony of the FIP World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Salvador Bahia, Brazil. FIP would like to extend sincere congratulations to Prof. Hincal, and acknowledge him for his outstanding contribution to the world of pharmaceutical sciences.