

Sieck Honored at Annual ACDP Meeting

The highest award given by the Association of Chairs of Departments of Physiology (ACDP), the Distinguished Service Award, was awarded to Gary C. Sieck, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology and Biomedical Engineering at Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Patricia E. Molina, M.D., Ph.D. (Louisiana State Univ. Hlth. Sci. Ctr.), President of ACDP, presented the award during the organization's 2019 Leadership Retreat at Hotel Casa Santo Domingo in Antigua, Guatemala, on December 5-8, 2019. Sieck gave an inspirational talk entitled "Seizing the Moment – My Serendipitous Pursuit of a Career in Physiology".



President Patricia E. Molina (r) presents Gary C. Sieck (l) with the 2019 ACDP Distinguished Service Award.

Sieck is the Vernon F. and Earline D. Dale Professor of Physiology & Biomedical Engineering at the Mayo Clinic and a Mayo Distinguished Investigator. He served as Chair of the Department of Physiology and Biomedical Engineering from 2002 to 2014, Dean for Research Academic Affairs from 2006 to 2012, and Director of the Biomedical Engineering Program in the Mayo Graduate School from 2001 to 2013.

Sieck received a Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1976. He then completed postdoctoral training in Neurophysiology at UCLA in 1979, where he continued as a faculty member in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology. In 1987, Sieck joined the faculty in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Southern California where he remained until 1990 when he moved to Mayo Clinic.

Sieck served as President of the APS in 2010 and President of the ACDP in 2011. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Applied Physiology* from 1999 to 2005, and he is currently Editor-in-Chief of *Physiology*, Topic Editor for *Comprehensive Physiology*, and Associate Editor for *FASEB BioAdvances*. Sieck has also served on several study sections at the NIH, the Veterans Administration Merit Review Board, the NSF, and other granting institutions. Over the years, he has received numerous awards and honors for scientific distinction. At Mayo, he was recognized as a Mayo Distinguished Investigator and awarded a named endowed professorship.

Sieck's research focuses on the neural control of respiratory muscles, including the diaphragm and airway smooth muscle. He has published more than 409 peer-reviewed papers. Sieck's research has been continuously funded by multiple grants from the NIH since 1981.

**ACDP Leadership Retreat
December 5-8 2019
Antigua, Guatemala**

Sieck has mentored 63 Ph.D. graduate students (23 as major advisor), 76 postdoctoral fellows, 26 junior faculty members, and 22 visiting scientists.

Sieck was selected to receive the ACDP Distinguished Service Award for his leadership in the discipline of physiology, educating the next generation of physiologists, outstanding research, and service to national and international organizations. His scientific endeavors and mentorship, his dedicated service to the field of physiology, and his distinguished service to ACDP, APS and other societies, the ACDP was proud to present its 2019 Distinguished Service Award to Gary C. Sieck.