Stillwater, Okla.—The Oklahoma State University's Center for Veterinary Health Sciences proudly announces that Michael Aschner, Ph.D., will be featured at this year's Sitlington Lecture in Toxicology. Aschner is a professor of Pediatrics, Pharmacology and the Gray E. B. Stahlman Professor of Neuroscience at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. He will present "Manganese Neurotoxicity: From Worms to Neonates" at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008, in the McElroy Hall Auditorium.

"Aschner is a widely recognized expert in neurobiology with a wide range of research interests," says Dr. Carey Pope, Regents Professor, Head of the Physiological Sciences Department, and Sitlington Chair in Toxicology. "He incorporates in vitro, rodent, primate and worm (C. elegans) models in his work to understand mechanisms of environmental toxicant-induced disease."

Pope organizes the annual lecture bringing in distinguished scientists from across the country. Aschner's expertise in the toxicity of heavy metals is important in this era of food chain contamination and concern about various preservatives and drugs. Transport mechanisms from the periphery into the brain, developmental neurotoxicology, role of metals in neurodegeneration, and Gulf War syndrome are among Aschner's research interests.

McElroy Hall is located at the corner of McFarland and Farm Road on the Stillwater campus. The lecture is open to the public at no charge.

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