

Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Fellow Named Winner of Prestigious Book Award

New York, February 15, 2008: The [Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation](#) today announced that Damon Runyon Fellow László Kürti, PhD, has won a prestigious PSP Award for Excellence for his new book "Molecules and Medicine," which was named best title in the field of Physical Sciences and Mathematics by the American Association of Publishers Professional & Scholarly Publishing Division, the national trade association of the U.S. book publishing industry.

László Kürti, a young scientist studying the targeting of angiogenesis (the formation of new blood vessels that supply oxygen and nutrients to cancerous tissues) at Harvard University, shares the award with co-authors E. J. Corey and Barbara Czako. The book was praised for its clear and authoritative integration of chemistry, biology and therapeutic molecular medicine.

László Kürti commented, "Winning this award is a great honor and we are thrilled to have been chosen. Our book focuses on drugs that are in common use today and as such, the exposure of the PSP Awards across a broad spectrum of society is extremely valuable. As a scientist and also as a Damon Runyon Fellow, I feel privileged to have the freedom to develop new ideas and ways of thinking about issues that affect many people, and to be able take this knowledge into the public arena."

Lorraine Egan, Executive Director of the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation added, "The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation supports brilliant young scientists with innovative ideas who might not otherwise be able to obtain funding from traditional sources. László's win is a confirmation of the high standard of work our Fellows aim to achieve for themselves and for the greater good, and we congratulate him on the Award."

"Molecules and Medicine" delves into the discovery, application and mode of action of more than one hundred of the most significant molecules now in use in modern medicine, such as anti-clotting agents, antibiotics, Viagra and anti-malarial and antidepressant drugs. The book discusses the condition the drug treats, the summary of its industrial development, the year put into practice, the biological target for the medicine, the human proteins related to the disease, the metabolism or action of the condition treated, and interacting side effects and related drugs. "Molecules and Medicine" is targeted towards a broad readership, from college undergraduates to professors and researchers in the life sciences.

László Kürti is also the author of "Strategic Applications of Named Reactions in Organic Synthesis," which can be found at <http://namedreactions.com/>, in addition to "Molecules and Medicine," <http://moleculesandmedicine.info/>.

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation Fellowship Award supports the training of the brightest postdoctoral scientists as they embark upon their research careers. This funding enables them to be trained by established investigators in leading research laboratories for a three year term.

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation

The Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation <http://www.drcrf.org> provides funding for the nation's top young scientists conducting groundbreaking research for all forms of cancer. The Foundation offers an alternative to programs supported by the NIH and large organizations, which typically favor older scientists with established track records. The Foundation aims to bring top

emerging scientists to cancer research, because it believes that the greatest breakthroughs will come from the imaginative and creative talents of young minds.

Since its founding in 1946, the Foundation has invested over \$200 million and funded more than 3,000 young scientists. Eleven scientists supported by the Foundation have received the Nobel Prize, and others are heads of cancer centers and leaders of renowned research programs. The Foundation currently is funding more than 150 scientists at leading medical centers and research institutions. This year, it will invest approximately \$11 million in the most outstanding young investigators in the nation.

100% of all donations to the Foundation are used to support scientific research. Its administrative and fundraising costs are paid from its Broadway Tickets Service and endowment.

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