Dr. Z. Reno Vlahcevic Selected to Receive the VCU Presidential Medallion

For the second time in less than a year, Dr. Z. Reno Vlahcevic, Professor and Chairman, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, has been selected to receive a high honor from VCU. The Presidential Medallion is one of VCU’s highest honors. The award will be presented to Dr. Vlahcevic by President Eugene Trani on May 13 at Commencement Exercises in recognition of outstanding contributions.

Each year, an announcement is made for nominations from faculty, staff, and administration of the VCU community. The nominations are reviewed by a committee consisting of members of the Board of Visitors, faculty, and students, who make recommendations to the Board of Visitors.

Dr. Vlahcevic says he is very honored to be selected, however “when it’s something you do for the love of it, it’s more fun than work.” Reluctant to discuss his achievements, Dr. Vlahcevic mentioned some of what he considers his most important contributions. “I built a strong Division of Gastroenterology by recruiting a group of physician scientists who are outstanding in their own right. We have a Division that excels in basic and clinical science,” says Dr. Vlahcevic.

Throughout his career, Dr. Vlahcevic has been attracted to research, especially in understanding lipid metabolism and the mechanisms that lead to arteriosclerosis. His work has been generously supported by the NIH with funding of over $52 million in the past 15 years. Although he also enjoys teaching and direct patient care, Dr. Vlahcevic says, “internally, my work is mentoring young investigators who develop an interest in research at their career choice.”
Faculty Publications

Faculty Publications (continued from page three)

The following papers were presented in November, 1999, during the Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association in Atlanta:


Symposia:

Dr. John Nestler chaired a symposium on "Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: The Insulin Resistance Connection," at the September, 1999 meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, and delivered a talk on "Use of Insulin-Sensitizing Drugs in PCOS."" Abstracts: