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SfN Recognizes Frankie L. Trull With Public Advocacy Award

SAN DIEGO — The Society for Neuroscience (SfN) will award Frankie L. Trull, president of the Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR), with the organization’s Public Advocacy Award, recognizing her outstanding contribution to advance biomedical research through her vocal advocacy for the responsible and humane use of animals in research. The prize will be presented at Neuroscience 2016, SfN’s annual meeting and the world’s largest source of emerging news about brain science and health.

“With this prestigious award, the Society for Neuroscience honors and celebrates Frankie’s enormous contribution to all of biomedical research and neuroscience in particular,” SfN President Hollis Cline said. “Animal research is essential to understand the brain and ultimately treat thousands of brain disorders. Frankie has been the community’s leading voice on this issue for decades and her commitment, knowledge, and skill has been foundational to protecting and moving forward all of our work. Frankie’s tireless leadership and support for the responsible use of animals in research places her among the strongest science advocates and lobbyists.”

The Public Advocacy Award is given periodically to a leader who has shown an enduring commitment to advancing public understanding or advancement of medical research. Past awardees have included former Sens. Tom Harkin and Arlen Specter and former Rep. Patrick Kennedy.

Trull received a bachelor’s degree in history from Boston University and a master’s degree in sociology from Tufts University. She is an emeritus member of the Board of Advisors for the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. In addition to her position as president of FBR, she also is founding president of its sister organization, the National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR).

FBR is the nation’s oldest and largest organization dedicated to advancing human and animal health by promoting public understanding and respect for humane and responsible animal research. NABR advocates for sound public policy that recognizes the essential role of lab animals in biomedical research and discovery.

The Society for Neuroscience (SfN) is an organization of nearly 38,000 basic scientists and clinicians who study the brain and nervous system.