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Dr. David Woodland to Become Chief Scientific Officer of Keystone Symposia

SILVERTHORNE, CO – July 26, 2011 – Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology is very pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. David L. Woodland as Chief Scientific Officer of the nonprofit, life science organization. He replaces Dr. Andrew D. Robertson, who is leaving Keystone Symposia after five-and-a-half distinguished years as Chief Scientific Officer to become Scientific Coordinator for the EMBL (European Molecular Biology Laboratory) International Center for Advanced Training (EICAT) in Heidelberg, Germany. Woodland is expected to relocate to Colorado and begin his new appointment by November 1, 2011.

An internationally recognized lung researcher, immunologist and virologist, Dr. Woodland is currently the President and Director of the Trudeau Institute, a nonprofit, biomedical research institute located in Saranac Lake, New York. In this position, which he has held since 2008, he oversees a staff of more than 100 researchers and administrators and a budget of \$17 million.

Dr. Woodland is also Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Viral Immunology* and an adjunct professor at SUNY-Albany/New York State Department of Health, the University of Vermont College of Medicine and the Center for Immunology and Microbiology at Albany Medical College. In addition, he is on the Editorial Board of the journal *Biology Direct* and the *European Journal of Immunology*. A member of the American Association of Immunologists, he has published close to 200 research articles and reviewed many others during the course of his career.

A native of the United Kingdom, Dr. Woodland is no stranger to Colorado. After receiving his Bachelor's degree from the University of Bath in England and then a doctoral degree for studies at the Max Planck Institute for Immunobiology in Freiburg, Germany, he embarked on a postdoctoral fellowship at National Jewish Center in Denver for four years. He was then on the research staff of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee for nine years before joining the Trudeau Institute in 1999. While at St. Jude's, Dr. Woodland taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee, Memphis.

He is also no stranger to Keystone Symposia, having organized two Keystone Symposia scientific conferences and presented at numerous others. Earlier this year, he was the lead scientific organizer for a Keystone Symposia conference in Vancouver, British Columbia on "Immunity in the Respiratory Tract: Challenges of the Lung Environment."

Dr. Woodland said of his appointment and move, "I am thrilled to be joining a highly respected organization that plays such a pivotal role in life science research and advancement. The position as Keystone Symposia's Chief

Scientific Officer will enable me to assume a broader scientific perspective than one often can as a specialized researcher, or as the head of a research institute. In particular, I look forward to the impact I can have on scientific communication and training that are central to Keystone Symposia's mission. Personally, I am fond of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, an area similar in many ways to the Adirondacks of New York, and I am eager to become an active part of the Summit County, Colorado community."

Added James W. Aiken, Ph.D., Keystone Symposia's Chief Executive Officer, "While we will miss Andy Robertson and his many contributions, particularly in launching our diversity initiatives, we are excited that David Woodland will be joining Keystone Symposia. He is an eminent scientist with a track record of significant achievement and global experience in the life sciences. We look forward to welcoming him to Summit County."

Dr. Woodland is married to Dr. Marcy Blackman, another noted scientific researcher who will be relocating with him to Colorado, along with their family

About Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology

Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, has been conducting open, international scientific conferences since 1972 and has been headquartered in Silverthorne, Colorado since 1990, when the organization left the University of California at Los Angeles. Annually, Keystone Symposia holds more than 50 conferences involving 13,000 to 14,000 scientists, postdoctoral fellows and students from around the world. Keystone Symposia also provides mentoring and support for young investigators in the life sciences through its scholarships and the Keystone Symposia Fellows Program.

Keystone Symposia will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2012.

More information on Keystone Symposia can be found at www.keystonesymposia.org.

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