THE JOHN DYSTEL PRIZE FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH

In conjunction with the American Academy of Neurology, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society established the John Dystel Prize for Multiple Sclerosis Research in 1994 for the purpose of recognizing outstanding contributions to research in the understanding, treatment or prevention of multiple sclerosis. This annual prize is funded through the John Dystel Multiple Sclerosis Research Fund at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

All investigators who are actively engaged in fundamental or clinical research related to multiple sclerosis are eligible for nomination for this prize. The annual award will be made in the amount of $15,000, to be used at the discretion of the winner. The selection of the prize winner will be in the hands of a special joint committee of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and the American Academy of Neurology. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, during an MS research symposium which will include a presentation by the winner on his/her research. Full recognition of the award will be made in Society publications and to the media.

All nomination materials must be submitted by November 1, annually. The Prize winner will be notified by February 1, annually. Further information is available from the Research Programs Department of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society or from the "John Dystel Prize Subcommittee" at the American Academy of Neurology, 1080 Montreal Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55116, (800) 879-1960 or (651) 695-1940.

THE RALPH I. STRAUS AWARD FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

The Ralph I. Straus Award for Multiple Sclerosis was established at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in 1973 "...to be given to that scientist, or those scientists, of any nationality whatsoever, whose published research shall have resulted in the development of an effective and specific method of preventing or arresting multiple sclerosis in man." The donor of funds to create this award, the late Mr. Ralph I. Straus, was a well known New York City philanthropist who was president of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society from 1948-1952.

In a statement at the time of his gift, Mr. Straus indicated that "the intent of the Award is to speed the conquest of multiple sclerosis through the enhancement in a realistic manner of the needed awareness of the vast social values inherent in the conduct of research in the biomedical sciences."

The award, when made, will be in the amount not less than the most recently awarded Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. Recipient(s) of this award will be determined by a special committee appointed by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, at a time deemed appropriate. Special criteria for the Ralph I. Straus Award for Multiple Sclerosis, consistent with the terms of Mr. Straus's wishes, have been developed by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Individuals interested in receiving a copy of the criteria for this award may contact the Research Programs Department at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.