



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNITION

City of Hope's reputation grows from the achievements of its most vital resource: its people. These faculty and staff members contribute not just to research, treatment and education at City of Hope, but also around the world.

Two members of the Department of Information Sciences were honored in 2008 for helping develop the expansive electronic network that scientists will use to share cancer data nationally and globally. Joyce Niland, Ph.D., Edward and Estelle Alexander Chair in Information Sciences, and project manager Susan Pannoni, received the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Biomedical Informatics Grid Teamwork Award for their continuing, outstanding work.

Other City of Hope investigators were cited for scientific preeminence. Radiation biologists Binghui Shen, Ph.D., and Jeremy Stark, Ph.D., were invited to speak at the prestigious Gordon Research Conference on Radiation Oncology. For more than 75 years, Gordon Conferences have served as venues to present advanced research in the biological and physical sciences.

The California Institute of Technology (Caltech) honored one of City of Hope's icons of innovation: Arthur Riggs, Ph.D., director emeritus

of Beckman Research Institute and chair of the institute's Department of Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases Research. Caltech granted him its Distinguished Alumni Award, the most prestigious honor bestowed on its graduates.

Accolades extended to up-and-coming scientists, as well. City of Hope researcher Takahiro "Taka" Maeda, M.D., Ph.D., was among 15 young cancer investigators selected as a V Scholar by the V Foundation for Cancer Research. V Scholar funding supports Maeda's quest to better understand a gene called leukemia/lymphoma-related factor and potential strategies to treat lymphoma. Additionally, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society selected Ravi Bhatia, Ph.D., as one of five Stohlman Scholars in recognition of his outstanding contributions to blood cancer research.

City of Hope's medical care continued to win high marks in 2008. *U.S. News & World Report* named City of Hope as one of "America's Best Hospitals" in both cancer and urology. And once again, the Joint Commission awarded City of Hope continued accreditation. The positive survey results reflect high levels of care, quality and safety.

As a whole, City of Hope continues its recognition as a leading biomedical and research institute by the NCI. In May 2008, the NCI renewed City of Hope's designation as a Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as its cancer center support grant, for another five years. Only 40 institutions hold this designation. ■