AAAAl Foundation and Dennis K. Ledford, MD FAAAAI and University of South Florida Allergy & Immunology Division Lectureship

The Dennis K. Ledford Lectureship will be presented by Hugh A. Sampson, MD FAAAAI in plenary 4101 An Ounce of Prevention in Convention Center, North Building, Lower Level, Hall 6 on Monday, February 28 at 9:20 am

Dennis K. Ledford, MD FAAAAI

Dennis K. Ledford, MD is Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics and Ellsworth & Mabel Simmons Professor of Allergy & Immunology at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine. Dr. Ledford attended the University of Tennessee Medical School, completed a residency program at the University of Tennessee and received postgraduate training in Allergy and Immunology at the University of South Florida and in Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology at New York University.

Dr. Ledford’s 41 years of experience in the specialty have been marked with numerous honors and accolades. He was listed in the America’s Top Doctors Guide in 2010 and was given a Most Compassionate Doctor Award from Vitals in 2012. He served as President of the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology (2011-2012) and was the Chair of the ARTtrust Steering Committee (now the AAAAl Foundation) from 2012-2015. Ledford has chaired the Work Group on Post Graduate Medical Education, Future of Allergy and Immunology Task Force of AAAAl and ACAAI since 2009. In 2015, Dr. Ledford was named Best Allergist/Immunologist in Tampa Bay by Tampa Bay Magazine, won the Outstanding Clinician Award from the World Allergy Association and was inducted into the Barness/Behnke Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, which honors role-model physician teachers recognized for demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service. Dr. Ledford has said that he, “chose a career in medicine because I wanted to make a lifetime commitment to a profession that could improve people’s lives,” which succinctly embodies the mission of AAAAI Foundation, and we are proud to establish this lectureship in honor of his significant achievements as an academician, researcher and practitioner. This Lectureship was announced at the 2018 AAAAI/WAO Joint Congress in Orlando, with the inaugural presentation at the 2019 AAAAI Annual Meeting.
Hugh A. Sampson, MD FAAAAI

Dr. Hugh A Sampson is the Kurt Hirschhorn Professor of Pediatrics at the Icahn School of Medicine in New York, USA, and has 40 years' experience in translational research focusing on food allergic disorders and basic immunologic mechanisms responsible for these disorders. His research has been funded continuously by grants from the NIH, including the Principal Investigator for the Consortium for Food Allergy Research. He has authored/co-authored over 530 original articles and 90 book chapters, and co-edited 5 books, primarily on clinical and immunopathogenic aspects of food allergic disorders, and chaired working groups that produced standardized criteria for diagnosing anaphylaxis, the Practall guidelines for conducting double-blind placebo-controlled oral food challenges, and the most recent Joint Council Practice Parameters on Food Allergy. Dr. Sampson was elected to membership in the National Academy of Medicine of the National Academies in 2003 for his research accomplishments. Dr. Sampson is the past-president of the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy & Immunology, past Chairman of the Section on Allergy & Immunology of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and served on the Board of the World Allergy Organization. He has trained over 40 post-doctoral allergy/immunology fellows, many of whom are now leaders in the field of food allergy, served on the Editorial Board of 5 allergy journals. In November 2015, Dr. Sampson stepped-down as Dean for Translational Biomedical Sciences at Mount Sinai and devoted part of his time to DBV Technologies as their Chief Scientific Officer for 5 years, while continuing to run his basic research laboratory and NIH-sponsored clinical research programs at Mount Sinai.