AAAIAI Foundation and John W. Yunginger, MD FAAAAI Memorial Lectureship

The AAAIAI Foundation and John W. Yunginger, MD FAAAAI Memorial Lectureship will be presented by Geoffrey A. Mueller, PhD in session 2522 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS): Molecular Characterization of Allergens and Specific IgE Antibodies in Convention Center, North Building, 100 Level, Room 120D on Saturday, February 26 at 12:35 pm

John W. Yunginger, MD FAAAAI

Dr. John Wallace Yunginger, known to colleagues as JY, was a physician-scientist who spent his career on staff at the Mayo Clinic (1973-2001). He was Board Certified by the American Board of Pediatrics (1969) and the American Board of Allergy and Immunology (1977). He served on numerous committees, both at Mayo and in national professional organizations.

Dr. Yunginger was a 1960 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and of Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia in 1964. He served his Internship at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania from 1964-1965 and his Residency in pediatrics at Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia from 1965-1966 and at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA from 1966-1967. He went on to complete a Fellowship in allergy/immunology at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. He was a veteran of the US Air Force, proudly serving as a Pediatrician on the Chanute AFB in Illinois.

Dr. Yunginger was a recognized authority on food, latex and insect allergies. He won numerous honors and awards for his work, both from Mayo and from national medical organizations. In 2001, he received the Distinguished Clinician Award from the AAAIAI in honor of significant contributions to the field of allergy and clinical immunology. He authored 167 articles and 63 book chapters on various aspects of allergy and immunology. JY served twenty-seven years as director and then as President of the American Board of Allergy and Immunology, retiring in 2009.

Dr. Yunginger was born October 28, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the only child of Lewis and Ethel (Wallace) Yunginger. On August 12, 1967, he married Jane Zubler in Farmers Mills, Pennsylvania. He is remembered as bringing grace, kindness and humility to his patients and colleagues, as well as a sense of humor, a boisterous laugh, and a twinkle in his eye.
Dr. Mueller received his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in 1998. There he studied the dust mite allergen Der p 2 using structural biology techniques, which lead to his lifelong interest in allergens. Dr. Thomas Platts-Mills was on his thesis committee. In 2001 he was hired as a staff scientist at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences with Dr. Bob London and continued investigate allergens.