

## ***Robert L. Brent is Thirtieth Taylor Lecturer***

Robert L. Brent has been selected to give the 30th Lauriston S. Taylor Lecture at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP). The lecture, entitled *Fifty Years of Scientific Investigation: The Importance of Scholarship and the Influence of Politics and Controversy*, will be a featured presentation at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the NCRP to be held April 3-4, 2006. The lecture will be given in the Crystal Forum at the Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia at 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2006. The lecture series honors the late Dr. Lauriston S. Taylor, the founding President of the NCRP.

Dr. Brent is currently the Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics, Radiology and Pathology, Louis and Bess Stein Professor of Pediatrics; Professor of Radiation Biology; and Professor of Pathology and Anatomy at Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He was the Director, Division of Developmental Biology, Alfred I duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington, Delaware from 1989 to 1992. He was Chairman of the Pediatric Department for 30 years, starting in 1965. Dr. Brent received his A.B., M.D., and a Ph.D. in Radiation Biology and Embryology from the University of Rochester and an Honorary Professorship from the West China University of Medical Sciences and the Norman Bethune University of Medical Sciences.

Robert Brent was a member of the NCRP from 1973 to 1997 when he was elected an Honorary member. He served on the Budget and Finance Committee in 1992 before becoming chairman in 1993 and 1994; was chairman of the 1999 Annual Meeting Program Committee on the Effects of Pre- and Postconception Exposure to Radiation; served on Scientific Committee 76 on the Effects of Radiation on the Embryo/Fetus; and was a consultant to the Ad Hoc Committee on the NCRP Nominating Process. He is actively involved with the National Academy of Sciences, the Organization of Teratogen Information Services, and the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Brent has published more than 600 papers and abstracts, eight books and monographs, five movies, and served on the editorial boards of several publications including *Pediatrics*, *Fetal Therapy*, and *The Scientist*. He was editor of *Teratology* for 17 years.

Dr. Brent has received every award that Jefferson University can offer a faculty member and was made the third Distinguished Professor in Jefferson's history. Other honors include the Robley D. Evans Commemorative Medal from the Health Physics Society and the Warkany Lectureship from the Teratology Society of which he was a founding member.

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the NCRP has as its theme, *Chernobyl at Twenty*. The Taylor Lecture and the other sessions of the 2006 Annual Meeting are open to all individuals with an interest in radiation protection and measurements. There is no registration fee. The full agenda for the 2006 Annual Meeting can be viewed at <http://NCRPonline.org>.