"I am pleased to announce the inauguration of a Forum on Health Affairs to honor the name of our late distinguished colleague, Zanvil Cohn, Professor and Vice President for Medical Affairs. This Forum had its inspiration in an earlier series of colloquia by Dr. Cohn during the academic year 1992-1993. Dr. Cohn's vision was to provide a Forum where important issues in health and biomedicine could be discussed in an atmosphere congenial to the exchange of ideas. The aim would be to cover topics not ordinarily considered in the more technical seminar lecture series that already exist on campus."

Torsten Wiesel
February 1994

**Location:** Abby Aldrich Dining Room, Sherry Reception 5:00-5:30pm, Lecture 5:30-6:30pm

**Advisory Committee:** Jesse Ausubel, Alexander Bearn, Ulrike Gaul, Emil Gotschlich, Mary Jeanne Kreek and Norton Zinder.

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**Current Scheduled Speakers and Lecture Titles**

**2000**

**Monday January 31, 2000**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Horace F. Judson, Director, Center for History of Recent Science, George Washington University, "What do we talk about when we talk about the human genome project?" *Sherry/Wine at 5:00 p.m. in the Abby Lounge.*

**Monday, March 6, 2000**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Herbert Pardes, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, "Toward a Sound Policy on Academic Medicine and Medical Research." *Sherry/Wine at 5:00 p.m. in the Abby Lounge.*

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**Previous Scheduled Speakers and Lecture Titles**

**1999**

**January 5** - June Osborn, M.D., Chair and President of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, "Current Concerns about the AIDS Pandemic"
March 15 - Purnell W. Choppin, M.D. President, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, "A Role for Private Support of Biomedical Research"

April 26 - J. Craig Venter, Ph.D., President and Chief Scientific Officer, Celera Genomics Corporation, "The Genome Project: From Microbes to Man"

September 29 - Daniel E. Koshland, Jr., Ph.D., Department of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of California, Berkeley, "The Future of Biomedical Sciences -- What we will be able to do and what we will be allowed to do"

October 25 - Harold T. Shapiro, Ph.D. President, Princeton University, Chair of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, "Stopping Science?"

1998

February - Floyd Bloom, Member and Chairman, Department of Neuropharmacology, The Scripps Research Institute. "Science, Science & the Public Good"

April - Samuel Thier, President and CEO, Partners Healthcare System, "Academic Medicine in the Marketplace"

June - Paul Marks, President, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, "Healthcare Reform: Has it Really Begun?"

1997

February - Hunter Rawlings, President, Cornell University, "The Scientist and the Public"

March - Thomas Caskey, Senior Vice President, Merck Research Laboratories, "A Pharmaceutical View of Genome Science"

September - Leon Rosenberg, Senior Vice-President, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Co. "Evolving Nature of Pharmaceutical Industry Research: Impact on Collaborations with Academia"

December - Ronald Breslow, Mitchill Professor of Chemistry, Columbia University "What are Chemists Up To?"

1996


February - Peter Goldmark, President, The Rockefeller Foundation "The New Development Paradigm"
March - Shirley Tilghman, Professor of Life Sciences, Princeton University
"Who Will Provide Scientific Leadership After 2000?"

April - Harriet Zuckerman, Vice President, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
"The Proliferation of Prizes"

September - Barbara Culliton, Editor-In-Chief, Nature Medicine
"Publishing Vignettes"

November - Frankie Trull, President, The Foundation for Biomedical Research
"Health Care Policy, Biomedical Research Funding & Animal Rights, What Lies Ahead?"

1995

January - Alan Friedman, Director, New York Hall of Science
"Science Education in New York City: We Know the Problems; What are the Answers?"

February - Steven Schroeder, President, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
"Academic Medicine and the Challenge of Managed Care"

March - Betsy McCaughey, Lieutenant Governor, New York State
"Meeting Social Responsibilities in an Era of Fiscal Restraint"

May - Margaret Catley-Carlson, President, The Population Council
"Will the Population Equation Change in the Post-Cairo Conference Era?"

September - George Poste, President, Research and Development, Smith Kline Beecham Pharmaceuticals
"Economics, Informatics, Genetics, Ethics: The New Forces Shaping the Evolution of Healthcare"

October - Samuel Silverstein, Professor, Columbia University; Former President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
"Scientists as Advocates for Biomedical Research"

November - Ellen Futter, President, American Museum of Natural History
"Science: Not for Experts Only"

1994

March - Joshua Lederberg, President Emeritus, The Rockefeller University "The Electronic Collaboratory: New York as a Global Village"

April - David Skinner, President & CEO, The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center
"The Future of Academic Health Centers"

May - Robert Olby, Visiting Professor, The Rockefeller University
"Celebrating the Rockefeller Centenary in 2001: Should We Look Back as Well as Forward?"
September - Ronald Dworkin, Professor of Law, NYU and Oxford University
"Justice in the Distribution of Health Care"

October - Nicholas Wade, Science Editor, The New York Times
"Science and the Press"

November - Kathleen Foley, Chief, Pain Service, MSKCC
"Transforming the Culture of Dying in America"

1993

January -- Rodney W. Nichols, New York Academy of Sciences, "Science and New York City"

February -- Jesse H. Ausubel, The Rockefeller University, "Death and the Human Environment"

March -- E. H. Ahrens, Jr., The Rockefeller University, "Clinical Research for Modern Medicine"

April -- Alexander G. Bearn, The Rockefeller University, "Archibald Garrod and the Origins of Medical Understanding of Genetic Disease"

May -- David Rogers, New York Hospital, "Health Care and Medical Research: Present Concerns"

1992

October -- Maclyn McCarty, The Rockefeller University, "Early Understanding of the Genetic Role of DNA"

November -- Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner of Public Health, NYC Department of Public Health, "The Health Problems of New York City"

December -- Alexander Tomasz, The Rockefeller University, "Anti-Biotic Resistance"