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**The American Federation for Medical Research Appoints
Dr. Richard McCallum as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Investigative Medicine***

[BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS, July 8, 2019]—Richard W. McCallum, MD, Founding Chair and Professor of Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) El Paso, has been named editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Investigative Medicine (JIM)*, a publication of the American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR) in collaboration with BMJ. Dr. McCallum, who assumed his new role on July 1st, succeeds Michael J. McPhaul, MD, who has been the editor-in-chief of *JIM* since 2005 and has been recognized as Editor Emeritus for his many contributions to the journal. They will be working in tandem over the next three months.

"The American Federation for Medical Research is thrilled to welcome Dr. McCallum into the role of Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Investigative Medicine* and we look forward to the continued success of *JIM* under his leadership," said AFMR president, Leticia Ryan, MD, MPH, of Johns Hopkins Medical Institute.

In addition to his appointment at TTUHSC El Paso, Dr. McCallum is the director of gastroenterology research and the Center for Neurogastroenterology and GI Motility, as well as an honorary professor in the Departments of Medicine and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Queensland, Australia.

Dr. McCallum has been a member of a dozen journal editorial boards, including the *American Journal of Medical Sciences* and is editor-in-chief of *Gastrointestinal Disorders*, a new online journal, where he supervises the decisions to review and publish appropriate manuscript submissions. He is the author

of nearly 500 scientific articles and over 100 book/chapter publications. Dr. McCallum has also helped edit fourteen books on gastroenterology, and holds three US patents.

Amir Zeki, MD, MAS of UC Davis, an AFMR past president and current chair of the AFMR Publications Committee added, “Dr. McCallum’s vision and ideas are in line with AFMR’s mission to *develop and mentor tomorrow’s leaders in medical research*. We are fortunate to have him at the helm of *JIM*, and the future looks bright for the journal.”

In his application for the position of editor-in-chief, Dr. McCallum wrote, “my goal is to continue to serve the *Journal of Investigative Medicine* readership, building on the great achievements and legacy of editor-in-chief, Dr. Michael J. McPhaul. The focus will continue to be on the quality of research regardless of the geographic location of the investigators. The addition of timely commentaries and editorials should help further the impact of *JIM* by providing perspective and interpretation of the research presented, and also focus on controversial scientific issues. The words printed on the *JIM* pages will inform and promote future investigations, hopefully accelerate the translation of novel ideas, and facilitate the latest advances into safe and effective treatment strategies. The bottom line for our AFMR membership, who are fortunate enough to be involved in clinical investigations, is to help our patients who have entrusted their care to us. As editor-in-chief of *JIM*, I will always be cognizant of this.”

Established in 1940, the American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR) is an international, multi-disciplinary association of scientists engaged in all areas of biomedical and patient-oriented research, from the laboratory, to translational to clinical. The non-profit society works to foster the development of future generations of clinical scientists and investigators in government; academia; research institutions; private practice and industry. The AFMR's diverse membership benefits by the ability to tap into a professional network of colleagues whose interests and expertise facilitate the "cross fertilization" of state-of-the-art science in biomedical research, with the ultimate goal to improve healthcare.

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