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Ignacio V. Ponseti, MD, Receives Second Annual AOA-Zimmer Award for Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics

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Nominations for Third Annual AOA-Zimmer Award Being Accepted

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The American Orthopaedic Association (AOA) and Zimmer, Inc. awarded Ignacio V. Ponseti, MD, the Second Annual AOA-Zimmer Award for Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics at the 116th Annual AOA Meeting, June 11-14, 2003 in Charleston, SC.

The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding leaders in orthopaedic surgery whose work results in sustained and substantial contributions and leadership through clinical, educational, research or other meritorious means. The $50,000 grant was awarded to Dr. Ponseti because of his role in enhancing and shaping the specialty.

"Dr. Ponseti has made many contributions that have advanced the art and sciences of orthopaedics and is well-deserving of this prestigious award. The committee was especially impressed with his contribution to orthopaedics in the care of children," said Dr. Edward N. Hanley, chair of the award committee.

The AOA has been a long-time contributor to the orthopaedic community having founded such organizations as the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation (OREF), the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery (AAOS), the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (JBJS) and International Center for Orthopaedic Education (ICOE).

Beginning in 1998, Zimmer has presented an annual award to an individual for excellence in orthopaedics. Since that time, Zimmer has sponsored more than $3 million in awards for orthopaedic excellence and unrestricted research.

The AOA is currently seeking nominations for 2004. Nomination for the $50,000 grant must be received at AOA headquarters by November 14, 2003. Nomination material can be found online at www.aoassn.org or by calling AOA Headquarters at 847.318.7330.

About the AOA

The American Orthopaedic Association (AOA), founded in 1887, is the oldest national orthopaedic association in the world. The AOA's mission is to identify, develop, engage and recognize leadership to further the art and science of orthopaedics. For more information visit www.aoassn.org or call 847.318.7350.

About Zimmer, Inc.

Zimmer Holdings Inc. (NYSE: ZMH), is based in Warsaw, IN, and is a global leader in the design, development, manufacturing and marketing of reconstructive orthopaedic implants and trauma products. Zimmer was founded in 1927 and has more than 3,600 employees worldwide. Zimmer is pleased to partner with the AOA to recognize broad contributions to orthopaedics. Zimmer plays no role in the selection process and has no control over the use of the funds granted.

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