

Michael W. Chapman, MD, Awarded First AOA-Zimmer Award for Distinguished Contribution to Orthopaedics

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WARSAW, Ind., Jul 9, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Dr. Michael W. Chapman of the University of California-Davis was presented with the first AOA-Zimmer Award for Distinguished Contribution to Orthopaedics at the recent combined meeting of The American Orthopaedic Association (AOA) and The Canadian Orthopaedic Association.

"We are delighted that the selection committee assembled by the AOA chose Michael Chapman as the first recipient of what we believe will become one of the most prestigious individual awards in orthopaedics," said Zimmer Chief Scientific Officer Roy D. Crowninshield, PhD. "Dr. Chapman's career has been marked by tremendous leadership in teaching, research and clinical practice. He represents a benchmark against which all future nominees can be judged."

Dr. Chapman is the previous holder of the David Linn Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery and he is now professor emeritus of orthopaedics at the University of California-Davis. His major clinical interest is in orthopaedic trauma and trauma reconstruction. Dr. Chapman's more than 167 publications include the four-volume Chapman's Surgery, regarded as a definitive source on orthopaedic surgery. His extensive research focuses on joint biomechanics, bone graft substitutes, and clinical treatment of trauma and nonunions.

He is a graduate of the University of California, San Francisco, School of Medicine, where he also served his residency. He studied at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in London and was an NIH Fogarty International Fellow at the A-O Research Institute in Davos, Switzerland. He was a founding member and served as president of the Orthopaedic Trauma Association, is a past president of the AOA and recently served as chair of the board of trustees of the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery.

Beginning in 1998, Zimmer has presented an annual award to an individual for excellence in orthopaedics. Prior to 2002, the award was presented in conjunction with Zimmer's former parent company and recognized an outstanding researcher in the field. Zimmer, now an independent publicly held company, has partnered with The American Orthopaedic Association to redefine the award to recognize broader contributions to orthopaedics, including research, professional leadership, educational contributions and clinical excellence. The award includes a \$50,000, unrestricted grant. Zimmer plays no role in the selection of the award winner and has no control over the award winner's use of the funds granted.

For further information about the award or for application information, visit The American Orthopaedic Association's web site at <http://www.aoassn.org>.

The American Orthopaedic Association, founded in 1887, is the oldest national orthopaedic association in the world. Its mission is to identify, develop, engage and recognize leadership to further the art and science of orthopaedics. The AOA has developed several awards in recognition of leadership and accomplishment in various aspects of orthopaedic surgery and research. The association will continue to develop awards recognizing leadership in other aspects of orthopaedics.

Zimmer, based in Warsaw, Indiana, is a global leader in the design, development, manufacture and marketing of reconstructive orthopaedic implants and fracture management products. Orthopaedic reconstruction implants restore joint function lost due to disease or trauma in joints such as knees, hips, shoulders, and elbows. Fracture management products are devices used primarily to reattach or stabilize damaged bone and tissue to support the body's natural healing process. Zimmer also manufactures and markets other products related to orthopaedic and general surgery. For the year 2001, Zimmer Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: ZMH) recorded worldwide revenues of approximately \$1.2 billion. Zimmer was founded in 1927 and has more than 3,400 employees worldwide.