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Dr. Eamonn Quigley Elected President of the American College of Gastroenterology

Orlando, FL, October 6, 2008—Eamonn M.M. Quigley, MD, FACG, was elected by the membership as the 2008-2009 president of the American College of Gastroenterology (ACG), a national specialty association representing more than 10,000 clinical gastroenterologists and other specialists in digestive diseases. Dr. Quigley officially took his position as president during the College's Annual Scientific Meeting, held this week in Orlando. In this position, Dr. Quigley will direct ACG's programs which include continuing medical education in the clinical, scientific and patient-related skills of gastroenterology, policies involving national and state medical affairs, managed care issues and clinical investigation.

Dr. Quigley received his medical training at University College Cork (UCC) in Cork, Ireland, and graduated in 1976. Following an internship, he completed the internal medicine rotation in Glasgow, Scotland (1977-81) becoming Member of the Royal Colleges of Physicians (MRCP, UK) in 1979. Dr. Quigley pursued research with Dr. Sidney Phillips at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester from 1981 to 1983 funded by a Fogarty fellowship by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and an Ainsworth Scholarship by UCC. Upon moving to the University of Manchester, UK as lecturer in the department of medicine, Dr. Quigley completed accreditation in General Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology and studied mucosal defense in the upper gastrointestinal tract, describing for the first time a lumen-to-mucosal pH gradient in man.

In 1986, Dr. Quigley joined the section of gastroenterology and hepatology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) as an Assistant Professor, subsequently advancing to Associate Professor and Professor of Medicine and Physiology and Chief of the section. He developed a clinical research centre for the study of gastrointestinal motility and pursued parallel

studies in a variety of *in vitro* and *in vivo* animal models. Pioneering studies described the effects of chronic liver disease, high dose chemo-radio therapy and intestinal failure and transplantation on motor function. While at UNMC, Prof. Quigley mentored 13 fellows, 6 residents and 5 students and attracted over \$2.6m in extra-mural research funds.

Currently, Dr. Quigley is Professor of Medicine and Human Physiology at the National University of Ireland in Cork and was appointed as the first Head of the Medical School there in 2000. Dr. Quigley is a principal investigator in the Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre (APC), funded by Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) in 2003 and re-funded in 2008.

Dr. Quigley's research interests focus on GI motility, functional gastrointestinal disease, neurogastroenterology, gastroesophageal reflux disease and probiotics in health and disease. Dr. Quigley's focus on the roles of immune activation and gut flora-mucosa interactions in gastrointestinal disorders have led to the identification of pro-inflammatory cytokine activation in irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) and the demonstration of symptomatic benefit, in IBS, with a specific probiotic. Studies on the pathophysiology of IBS recently attracted a further award from SFI.

Dr. Quigley has published over 400 articles, including original manuscripts, editorials, review articles, book chapters and case reports mostly in the areas of motility, functional gastrointestinal disorders and gastroesophageal reflux disease. Dr. Quigley has authored or co-authored six books and monographs and has presented his research at major meetings and symposia throughout the world. Awards include Doctor *Honoris Causa* by the University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Cluj, Romania; Election to Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians, London as *a distinguished doctor*; Frank J. Troncale Visiting Professorship, St. Raphael's Hospital and Yale University; J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lectureship, American College of Gastroenterology, and Richard W. Sherbaniuk and Ronald H. Wensel Lectureship Award in Gastroenterology, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Dr. Quigley has a long-standing interest in education, particularly in training and education issues in gastroenterology—interests he has pursued in a variety of fora with the College, as well as in his role as President of the World Gastroenterology Organization.

Dr. Quigley has been an extremely active member of the ACG. A member of the Board of Trustees since 1998, Dr. Quigley has served as Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President of the College. His generous contributions of time, effort and creativity to the College encompass service as a member of numerous committees, including the Committee on International Affairs (1999- present), Publications Committee (1997-2003), and Committee on Educational Affairs (1994-2001). Dr. Quigley served as Editor-in-Chief of *The American Journal of Gastroenterology* from 1997-2003, and served as ACG Governor of Nebraska from 1996 to 1998.

“To serve as president of an organization that I have admired for years, and whose programs have so enriched my own academic and clinical career, is a privilege and an honor itself. To do so at a time of such vitality in the College and such activity in our profession is an opportunity and a challenge that I look forward to with great anticipation,” said Dr. Quigley.

Dr. Quigley and his wife, Una, have four children and reside in Cork, Ireland.

Photographs of Dr. Quigley are available by contacting Rosanne Riesenman (301) 263-9000.

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