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## *Distinguished Speaker Sessions*

Michael Twery, Ph.D., is a retired NIH program officer with 25 years of experience advising researchers in sleep, circadian, and respiratory sciences navigating the federal grant competition and research policies. Dr. Twery was appointed director of the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research (NCSDR) in 2006 and served as a point of contact for inter-agency coordination of federally-funded sleep activities and scientific research ranging from basic neurobiology and genomics to multi-site clinical trials. He chaired the trans-NIH Sleep Research Coordinating Committee and was the executive secretary of the NIH Sleep Disorders Research Advisory Board (SDRAB), a Federal advisory committee representing sleep disorder patients, health care providers, and biomedical researchers on needs and opportunities for sleep research. These activities led to the development of over 30 federal funding opportunities supporting sleep and circadian research. He successfully led the recognition of national objectives for Sleep Health in the DHHS Healthy People initiatives for 2010, 2020, and 2030. In 2015, Dr. Twery was presented the Mark O. Hatfield Public Policy or Advocacy Award by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).

Dr. Twery received his Ph.D. training in Pharmacology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He was a member of the research faculty at the University of Texas Medical Branch and a Senior Staff Fellow in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Experimental Therapeutics Branch at NIH before joining the NHLBI.

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