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Howard Frumkin, MD, DrPH
Special Assistant to the Director for Climate Change and Health
U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)—Atlanta, GA

TO PRESENT A LECTURE ENTITLED

“Climate Change and Public Health”

FAMU Division of Research, Tallahassee, FL—Howard Frumkin, MD, DrPH, Special Assistant to the Director for Climate Change and Health, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, GA is the scheduled speaker for the FAMU Distinguished Lecturer Series on Friday, April 2, 2010 in Lee Hall Auditorium, from 11 am to 12 noon. “Climate Change and Public Health” is the topic of the lecture.

In his previous role as Director of the National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR), Dr. Frumkin established CDC’s Healthy Community Design Initiative, which looks at how communities can be designed to make it easier for people to live healthy lives. He continually works to maintain and improve the health of the American people by promoting a healthy environment and by preventing premature death and avoidable illness and disability, caused by toxic substances and other environmental hazards.

An internist, environmental and occupational medicine specialist, and epidemiologist, Dr. Frumkin received his BA degree from Brown University, his MD degree from the University of Pennsylvania, his MPH and DrPH degrees from Harvard, his internal medicine training at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Cambridge Hospital, and his occupational medicine training at Harvard. He is board-certified in both internal medicine and occupational medicine, and is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Dr. Frumkin has authored and co-authored more than 160 scientific journal articles and chapters. His books include Urban Sprawl and Public Health, named a Top Ten Book of 2005 by Planetizen, the Planning and Development Network. Dr. Frumkin notes: “Protecting public health is a noble calling, and so is creating great places; the growing partnership between health professionals and those in design, planning, and architecture reflects our many shared goals and the many synergies between our two worlds.”
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Of FAMU’s Distinguished Lecturer Series seminarian, Cynthia Hughes Harris, Ph.D., Provost and VP for Academic Affairs said: “Dr. Frumkin’s demonstrated commitment to the health of our communities, and the citizens of our communities is outstanding! Community initiatives and programming are critically important to those of us at FAMU and we are honored that Dr. Frumkin will be with us to contribute to our thinking and to enhance our pursuits in these noteworthy arenas.”

Before joining the CDC in September 2005, Dr. Frumkin was professor and chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, and professor of medicine at Emory Medical School, in Atlanta. At Emory, he founded and directed the Environmental and Occupational Medicine Consultation Clinic, the Occupational Medicine Residency training program, and the Southeast Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit.

He previously served on the board of directors of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), where he co-chaired the Environment Committee; as president of the Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics (AOEC); as chair of the Science Board of the American Public Health Association (APHA); as a member of EPA's Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee, where he chaired the Smart Growth and Climate Change work groups; and on the National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors.

Dr. Frumkin currently serves on the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Environmental Health Sciences, Research, and Medicine. He was a member of the state's Hazardous Waste Management Authority, the Department of Agriculture Pesticide Advisory Committee, and the Pollution Prevention Assistance Division Partnership Program Advisory Committee, and is a graduate of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership. In Georgia's Clean Air Campaign, he served on the board and chaired the Health/Technical Committee. He was named Environmental Professional of the Year by the Georgia Environmental Council in 2004. He has served as a consultant to several corporations, including Hewlett-Packard, Southwire, Georgia Power, and Polaroid, and to several unions, including the Chemical Workers Association and the Utility Workers Union.

For further information on Dr. Frumkin or the CDC, please contact Mr. Charles Green, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at 770-488-0626, clg8@cdc.gov. For further information re: his visit, please contact Mrs. Frances James at 850.412.5102 or frances.james@famu.edu.

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