

Dr. Boris Lushniak, Chair, PMB is pleased and honored to announce the selection of Dr. William A. Petri, Jr. M.D., Ph.D., to present the 6th Annual John H. Cross Memorial Lecture on ***Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 at 11:30*** in Sanford Auditorium at USUHS, entitled ***“A Physician Scientist’s Investigation of Amebiasis”***.

Dr. Petri is the Wade Hampton Frost Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases & International Health at the University of Virginia. He is the latest in a series of distinguished speakers invited to USU to honor the legacy of the late John Henry Cross, Ph.D., Sc.D. (*hon.*) (1925-2010). Dr. Cross was Professor of Parasitology in the Department of PMB from 1984-2009 following an outstandingly productive career as a research parasitologist with the US Navy in Asia and the Pacific.

Petri in 2014 received from Governor Terry McAuliffe the State of Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award, and has received numerous awards at UVA as a researcher, teacher, scholar, and inventor. International recognition includes election as President of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Editor of *Infection and Immunity*, receipt of the Oswald Avery Award of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and Burroughs

Wellcome New Investigator and Scholar Awards in Molecular Parasitology (1992-2003) as well as Lucille P. Markey Scholar in Biomedical Research (1985-2003). He has continuously served on advisory committees for the NIH since 1993, and is recognized as a “Best Doctor in America”.

