

News Highlights

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2013 NOBEL PRIZE WINNER SPEAKS AT UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I CANCER CENTER SYMPOSIUM

Randy W. Schekman shares recent research at 8TH Annual Weinman Symposium

The 8th Annual Weinman Symposium covered some of the latest cancer research findings, specifically how genes interact with the environment. The event included sessions on gene-environment interaction in lung cancer, how the environment affects T cells in cancer, and gene-environment interactions in studies of indoor air pollution and lung cancer in eastern Asia. Top-scientists from across the nation presented, and looked at opportunities for future research collaborations.

"I am grateful to Mrs. and Mr. Weinman who entrusted me with their donation to bring to Hawai'i some of the best scientists of the world. It is a unique opportunity for us Faculty, post docs and students, to discuss science and make joint projects with them to find new ways to prevent and cure cancer. I am also very grateful to the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer who co-sponsored the meeting," said Dr. Michele Carbone, UH Cancer Center's director of Thoracic Oncology.

Dr. Randy W. Schekman, the 2013 Nobel Prize Winner for Physiology or Medicine, was awarded the 8th Weinman Award presented by Sen. Josh Green, chair of the Committee on Human Services. The event included a Q & A session allowing graduate and post-doctoral students an opportunity to ask Schekman questions on how to conduct research.

Schekman won the Nobel Prize with James Rothman and Thomas C. Südhof, "for their discoveries of machinery regulating vesicle traffic, a major transport system in our cells".

"Some of the most prominent scientists in the broad field of cancer research spoke at the event. It was a great experience to hear them, and an inspiration to those who attended," said Dr. Bruce Beutler, 2011 Nobel Prize Winner in Medicine.

"It is an honor to have Nobel Laureates and world-renowned researchers sharing their discoveries and looking at ways to collaborate with us here in Hawai'i," said Randall Holcombe, UH Cancer Center director. "We are thankful for the Weinman Foundation for this great opportunity to advance innovative cancer research," said Dr. Randall Holcombe, UH Cancer Center director.

To see [photos](#) from the symposium.

The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center through its various activities, cancer trial

patients and their guests, and other visitors adds more than \$54 million to the O'ahu economy. This is equivalent to supporting 776 jobs. It is one of only 69 research institutions designated by the National Cancer Institute. Affiliated with the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, the center is dedicated to eliminating cancer through research, education, and improved patient care. Learn more at www.uhcancercenter.org. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UHCancerCenter. Follow us on Twitter [@UHCancerCenter](https://twitter.com/UHCancerCenter).