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RENAISSANCE WOMAN AWARD WINNER FOR 2006

The Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine, in conjunction with the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, will present its annual achievement in medicine honor, the Alma Dea Morani Award, to Dr. Mary Guinan, who championed disease control and prevention for three decades, on September 28 at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Dr. Guinan, Founding Dean of the New School of Public Health at the University of Nevada, had taken part in the historic effort to eliminate smallpox in Uttar Pradesh, India and is often credited with being one of the first doctors to identify AIDS as an epidemic. She will give a keynote speech, “Viral Plagues of the Twentieth and Twenty-first Century, Smallpox, Herpes, AIDS to Avian Flu: Are the Viruses Winning?”

Dr. Guinan is board certified in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Preventive Medicine in Public Health and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas and an M.D. from Johns Hopkins University. During her Infectious Disease fellowship training, she became interested in herpes viruses in women. She was one of the first women at that time doing research in sexually transmitted diseases and decided to concentrate her research on women. In her 22 years with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Dr. Guinan became a leading expert on the Herpes virus and studied the first cases of AIDS while serving on the original AIDS Task Force. She also was the first woman to serve as chief scientific advisor to the Director of the CDC.

Dr. Guinan is currently on the board of directors of the Nevada Public Health Foundation. She served as a Nevada State Health Officer and was successful in convincing authorities to fluoridate Nevada’s water supply as well as worked to decrease second-hand tobacco smoke in public places.

In addition to honoring Dr. Guinan, the Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine will also honor its Brabb Scholarship recipients, Sharron Manuel of Philadelphia, PA, and Nicole Camp of Meriden, CT.

The mission of the Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine is to establish strong relationships with partners such as the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and the Association of American Medical Colleges in order to create collaborative programs that focus on advancing our mission: *to preserve and promote the history of women in medicine and the medical sciences.*

For more information about the Alma Dea Morani Award or for an invitation to hear Dr. Guinana speak and participate in the Award presentation, please contact the office of The Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine, Phone 484-945-2106, Email fhwim@aol.com, or website www.fhwim.org.