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**Structural Biologist Wilhelmus G.J. Hol to Speak at  
Hauptman-Woodward Structural Biology Series**

Wilhelmus G.J. Hol, Ph.D., is scheduled to lecture at the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute on Tuesday, November 28, 2006. He will present his lecture entitled, "Structural Biology in the Search for New Therapeutics for Tropical Diseases." The lecture begins at 4:30 p.m. at 700 Ellicott Street immediately followed by a networking reception.

Hol is a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. He is also a Professor of Biochemistry and Biological Structure, Adjunct Professor of Pharmacology and Head of the Biomolecular Structure Program at the University of Washington School Of Medicine in Seattle, Washington. His research interests include studying protein crystallography for the structure-based design of drugs for tropical diseases.

He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Groningen with Jan Drenth. He then spent two years with UNESCO in Nairobi, Kenya, moved back to Groningen, and spent a year on sabbatical with Joseph Kraut at the University of California, San Diego. He has received the Gold Medal of the Royal Dutch Chemical Society and the Keilin Medal of the Biochemical Society (U.K.). Dr. Hol is a member of the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) and the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences and has been elected an honorary member of the Indian Biophysical Society.

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