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**HAUPTMAN-WOODWARD, UB, AND THE UNIVERSITÉ HENRI POINCARÉ, NANCY, FRANCE  
SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The Hauptman-Woodward Institute (HWI), UB, and the Université Henri Poincaré, Nancy, France (UHP), will sign a Memorandum of Understanding today, Monday, October 27, 2008 at 4 p.m. to begin an international student-faculty exchange program between the United States and France.

HWI's Dr. Robert Blessing has been working in collaboration with Dr. Claude Lecomte of UHP to create the international exchange program. Their 30-year collaborative scientific relationship will serve as the foundation for establishing a permanent international faculty collaboration and student educational program.

"It has been a long-time goal of ours to build an exchange program between our respective universities," Blessing said. "A major aim of today's meeting is to strategize about funding sources from both the United States and France to support the program."

The agreement will be signed today by HWI President Dr. Herbert A. Hauptman, Buffalo's only Nobel Laureate; HWI CEO Dr. Eaton Lattman; UB Vice Provost for International Education Dr. Stephen C. Dunnett; UB Associate Vice Provost for International Education Dr. John J. Wood; UHP President Dr. Jean-Pierre Finance; and LCM<sup>3</sup>B at UHP Director Dr. Claude Lecomte.

The exchange program is expected to begin by 2010.

***ABOUT HWI***

With more than 50 years of exceptional scientific research, the Hauptman-Woodward Institute is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in life-altering research. Our team of more than 75 members is committed to improving human health through the study of the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their fundamental molecular level. HWI is located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in Downtown Buffalo, New York, in a state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI's website at [www.hwi.buffalo.edu](http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu) or call 716-898-8600.