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Hauptman-Woodward, Buffalo’s X-ray Crystallography Experts, Celebrate Nobels for Their Colleagues

Today’s announcement of the three winners of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry is being lauded at Hauptman-Woodward, Buffalo’s home to X-ray crystallography. The story which aired all over national news this morning, http://finance.yahoo.com/news/2-Americans-1-Israeli-win-apf-4069365073.html?x=0&.v=5 and http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/08/science/08nobel.html?_r=1&emc=eta1 is being met with particular joy at HWI as the winners are colleagues of HWI scientists.

WHO: X-ray crystallographers Dr. William Duax and/or Dr. Jane F. Griffin will be available as source experts on the science. Dr. Duax also is a close colleague of winner Dr. Ada Yonath and well-versed in the story behind her winning the prize. In fact in a Nobel presentation regularly given by Dr, Duax, Dr Yonath has for years been Dr, Duax’ pick for the next Nobel winner.

WHAT: A local angle on today’s Nobel Prize announcement. Dr. Duax has photos and personal stories about Dr. Yonath and the project which won today’s Nobel Prize.

WHEN: At a mutually convenient time for the reporter and HWI source expert to be set individually.

WHERE: Via phone or in person via reporter request. HWI also is home to the American Crystallographic Association of which Dr. Duax is an executive officer. ACA members have won more Nobel Prizes than any other trade organization.

WHY: The connection between the critical science being conducted in Buffalo and the international recognition of the importance of this work on worldwide health issues.

HOW: Please call Tara A. Ellis at 716-898-8596 or 716-432-2793 and she will be happy to arrange an interview.

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 using the technique of X-ray crystallography. 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 new state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI’s website at www.hwi.buffalo.edu or call 716-898-8600.