The Board of Directors of the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute (HWI) has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Dr. Eaton Edward Lattman as Executive Director and CEO effective December 31, 2014.

Dr. Lattman joined HWI as its Chief Executive Officer in 2008. With the exception of a post-doctoral stint in the 1970s, Dr. Lattman spent his entire academic career at the Johns Hopkins University, beginning as a graduate student in Biophysics, and rising through the ranks to become Dean of Research and Graduate Education in the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences. Enroute he served as Professor of Biophysics in both the Schools of Medicine and of Arts and Sciences, giving him a very broad perspective on university life. He also served as chair of the department from which he gained his Ph.D. degree.

While in Buffalo, Dr. Lattman has expanded HWI’s collaborations with both academia and industry. He established a management agreement with IMCA-CAT at Argonne National Lab, and led the initiative that established a spin-off entrepreneurial effort located at HWI called Harker Bio, that is a semi-finalist in the 43North competition for funding.

Dr. Lattman will maintain his connection with HWI and will remain a Professor in the University at Buffalo (UB), Department of Structural Biology. He will continue as Director of a Science and Technology Center, Biology with X-ray Lasers (BioXFEL), established by the National Science Foundation in 2013. BioXFEL is a consortium of eight research institutions aimed at addressing fundamental questions in biology at the molecular level, using a recently-invented pulsed, hard X-ray laser.

The HWI Board will immediately begin a search for Lattman’s successor in order to have a smooth transition for the Institute.

Founded in Buffalo in 1956, the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute is an internationally-renowned independent, non-profit facility specializing in the area of fundamental biomedical research known as structural biology. HWI’s team is committed to improving human health by studying the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their basic 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 or call 716-898-8600.

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