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Nobel Laureate Roger Tsien to Present National Lecture at the Biophysical **Society's 54th Annual Meeting**

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Bethesda, MD— The 8,700-member Biophysical Society is pleased to announce that Roger Tsien will deliver the National Lecture at the Biophysical Society 54th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, February 20-24, 2010. Being named the National Lecturer is the Society's highest honor. Tsien, a professor at the University of California, San Diego, received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2008. He has been a member of the Biophysical Society since 2002.

Tsien's presentation, Breeding and Building Molecules to Spy on Cells in Health and Disease, will take place on Monday, February 22 at 8:00 PM in the Moscone Convention Center.

Society President Henry Lester noted:

Tsien has worked creatively at the intersection of biology, physics, chemistry, instrumentation, physiology, and neuroscience. His 2008 Nobel Prize, shared with Osamu Shimomura and Martin Chalfie, was awarded for his work on developing the "fluorescent protein paintbox" which has found use in many areas of biology. His accomplishments also include the design and synthesis of widely used calcium chelators. His industrial activities allowed the commercialization and widespread use of his achievements. The biophysics community knows him as a scholarly commentator, a helpful communicator, and a wise consultant in many projects."

The Biophysical Society's Annual Meeting is the world's largest meeting of biophysicists -- over 6,000 attendees are expected to converge on San Francisco to review the 4000+ posters and scientific talks scheduled to take place during the fiveday event. Complete information about the Meeting can be found at http://www.biophysics.org/2010meeting/.

The Biophysical Society, founded in 1956, is a professional, scientific society established to encourage development and dissemination of knowledge in biophysics. The society promotes growth in this expanding field through its annual meeting, monthly journal, and committee and outreach activities. For more information on the society, visit <u>www.biophyics.org</u>. For press credentials, contact Ellen Weiss at eweiss@biophysics org.

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