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Dear Dr. Bissell:

On behalf of the FASEB Board of Directors, I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to be the recipient of the 2008 FASEB Excellence in Science Award.

An exceptionally strong pool of scientists made the selection of award winners difficult this year, and every member of the Excellence in Science Committee enthusiastically endorsed the final decision to choose you as the 2008 recipient.

As well-documented in stellar letters written by your peers on your behalf, the Committee recognized that this award would firmly acknowledge your scientific leadership in the intersection between the cellular microenvironmental, the extracellular matrix, and the 3-D tissue structure in differentiation and cancer. You have created a paradigm shift by conceptualizing "dynamic reciprocity." Your seminal papers published in *Science*, *Nature*, and the *Journal of Cell Biology*, have been referred to as "milestones in cancer."

The Committee was particularly struck by the fact that at first, your ideas were not well-accepted, but that you bravely persevered and that ultimately your work resulted in a special initiative from the National Cancer Institute, with a new study section established to focus on this bold new paradigm.

Additionally, it was noted that the NCI initiated "Tumor Micro-environment Network," of which you are a member, considers you a true pioneer in the area of understanding host:tumor interactions. A whole new field of investigation is now recognized and predicated largely on your work and insights.

In addition to your leadership, research impact, and productivity, the Committee believed that you had also been particularly distinguished by the number of your trainees and the breadth of your mentorship. The Committee's recommendation concluded that your work "... captures the true essence of the Excellence in Science Award ...".

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The award carries with it a \$10,000 unrestricted research grant funded by Eli Lilly and Company, and an award plaque. A stipulation of the award is that the recipient present a special lecture at a scientific meeting of one of FASEB's member societies in 2008.

It is our understanding that you will be present your lecture at the annual meeting of The American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) at the Experimental Biology Meeting to be held on April 5-9, 2008 in San Diego, CA. Ms. Barbara Gordon, the Executive Director of ASBMB, and her staff will communicate with you regarding the specific date/time of your lecture, and to find out the title of your lecture.

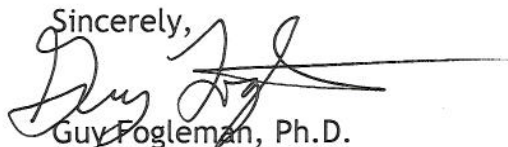
The awards dinner will be on April 7, 2008. A representative from Eli Lilly and Company, and I will be at the dinner to present you with your award.

You will receive complimentary registration for the meeting and two nights lodging. As the meeting draws near, you will receive information from ASBMB regarding details for reserving your hotel accommodations. You should plan to make your own travel arrangements, but you will be reimbursed at the advanced purchase economy rate.

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On behalf of the Excellence in Science Award Committee and the FASEB Board of Directors, congratulations.

Sincerely,



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