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**The Rockefeller University invites you to join us on  
Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.  
for the presentation of**

## **THE PEARL MEISTER GREENGARD PRIZE**

An International Award Recognizing Outstanding Women in Biomedical Science

2009 Recipient

**Suzanne Cory, Ph.D., F.R.S.**

Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research  
Melbourne, Australia

In a remarkable career that began in the 1960s, Dr. Cory has made many historic contributions.

**Antibody diversity.** She demonstrated that B lymphocytes delete segments of DNA during the re-assortment of immunoglobulin gene clusters. This is an essential feature of immunoglobulin gene formation, which enables the immune system to respond to a vast array of threats.

**Tumorigenesis.** Dr. Cory showed that Burkitt's lymphoma results from a chromosomal translocation leading to the overexpression of the myc oncogene. This landmark discovery provided a foundation for future research on chromosome rearrangements and cancer.

**Apoptosis.** She showed that BCL-2, an oncogene activated in a chromosomal translocation that causes human follicular lymphoma, functions by preventing cell death. This finding offered the first compelling evidence that not all oncogenes serve to increase cell proliferation. It revolutionized cancer research.

Dr. Cory was the first woman to serve as director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. She is a foreign member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of Great Britain's Royal Society, which awarded her its Royal Medal.

Special Guest Speaker and Presenter

**Wafaa El-Sadr, M.D., M.P.H.**

Director, International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs  
Columbia University  
Recipient of a 2008 MacArthur Genius Award

### **RSVP**

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Reception to follow.

The Rockefeller University  
Caspary Auditorium  
York Avenue at East 66<sup>th</sup> Street

Free admission

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*"The discrimination of 25 years ago is reflected in the relatively few women at the top today. I hope to bring more attention to the work of brilliant women scientists—perhaps this will bring them further recognition, and even a Nobel."*

Paul Greengard, Nobel Laureate and Vincent Astor Professor at The Rockefeller University, established the Pearl Meister Greengard Prize in memory of his mother, who died giving birth to him.