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Michael Julius, University of Toronto, The 2005 CSI -Hardy Cinader Award

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Michael received an Honours B.Sc. degree in genetics from McGill University in Montréal, Quebec, and went on to do his doctoral work at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California culminating in a Ph.D. in genetics and immunology. He was recruited as a member of the Basel Institute for Immunology, Switzerland, where he spent 12 years of postdoctoral study analysing the molecular and cellular components of the immune system. In 1987 he assumed an Associate Professorship in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at McGill University in Montréal, Quebec. Recruited to the position of Professor and Chair of the Department of Immunology at the University of Toronto in 1993, over the next 7 years he stewarded the Department to its ranking as the pre-eminent academic immunology initiative in Canada, externally ranked among the top 10 academic centres of Immunology in North America. His work towards understanding the biochemistry of lymphocyte activation, and the cellular and molecular interactions culminating in protective immunity have supported his continuing interest in autoimmune diseases, and ailments that involve dysregulated function of the immune system. Having published over 200 research papers and reviews in his area of expertise, many of which have achieved citation records, he is an internationally recognized immunologist. Academic Press, now Elsevier, engaged Michael as the Editor of the highly cited review periodical, Seminars in Immunology. In October 2000, Michael assumed the position of Vice President, Research, Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Sciences Centre, where he stewards an \$85M annual research enterprise. He has chaired the Canadian Institutes for Health Research review panel for "Immunology and Transplantation", and serves as a member of Scientific Advisory Boards for a number of for profit enterprises.