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LASKER FOUNDATION WELCOMES MARGARET HAMBURG TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(New York, June 23) The Lasker Foundation today announced the addition of Margaret Hamburg, M.D. to the Lasker Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Hamburg, the Foreign Secretary of the National Academy of Medicine and immediate past Chair of the Board and President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), brings a wealth of expertise in public health and health policy.

“We are pleased to welcome Margaret Hamburg to the Lasker Foundation Board,” said Lasker Board Chair Anthony Evnin, PhD. “Her outstanding accomplishments in public health and medicine position Dr. Hamburg to make significant contributions to the Lasker organization.”

“The groundbreaking initiatives that Dr. Hamburg oversaw in her many leadership roles have powerfully advanced our understanding of infectious diseases, biosecurity, drug safety and the health status of vulnerable communities, and we look forward to benefiting from her leadership,” said Claire Pomeroy, President of the Lasker Foundation.

Dr. Hamburg joined the National Academy of Medicine in 2015. As Foreign Secretary of the National Academy of Medicine, the health arm of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, she serves as senior advisor on international matters and is the liaison with other Academies of Medicine around the world.

Prior to joining the National Academy of Medicine, Dr. Hamburg served for six years as the commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She was also Assistant Secretary for Planning And Evaluation, HHS from 1997 to 2001 and prior to that, served as Commissioner of New York City’s Department of Health from 1991 to 1997. A graduate of Harvard Medical School, Hamburg conducted research on neuroscience at Rockefeller University, completed an Internal Medicine residency at Weill Cornell Medical Center and studied neuropharmacology at the National Institute of Mental Health.

About the Lasker Foundation: The Lasker Foundation seeks to increase support for biomedical research by celebrating the power of biomedical science to save and improve human lives. Through its internationally renowned Lasker Awards, educational initiatives, and public advocacy, the Foundation recognizes the most important achievements in science and public service, supports and encourages the scientific leaders of tomorrow, and raises awareness of the ever-present need for research funding. Established in 1942 by Albert and Mary Lasker, the Foundation is committed to inspiring robust and sustained support for biomedical research, fueled by Mary Lasker’s call to action: “If you think research is expensive, try disease!”

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