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FRASER-LIGGETT AWARDED WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY 11th ANNUAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Baltimore, MD. – May 21, 2010 – The Institute for Genome Sciences at the University of Maryland School of Medicine today announced that Women in Technology has awarded Claire Fraser-Liggett, PhD, the Director of the Institute, an 11th Annual Women in Technology Leadership Award. Dr. Fraser-Liggett was awarded the Women in Technology Health IT Award at a gala last night at the Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner, VA.

Women in Technology (WIT) is the premiere organization empowering women to be architects of change in the technology industry. The annual awards program honors leading female professionals working in the Greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area who have exemplified unique vision and talent in the technology industry over the previous year.

The 2010 Leadership Awards program theme this year was “No One Path, The Legacy Continues,” celebrating the various paths that have led professional women to make an unprecedented impact on the technology industry. The awards drew upon WIT’s spirit to honor women who connect, lead and succeed in their professional endeavors and communities.

“Women in Technology is proud to announce this year’s winners of the 2010 Leadership Awards program,” said Toni Townes-Whitley, president of WIT. “The awardees are pioneers in the technology community, embodying the core values represented by this year’s theme of ‘No One Path’ and the Women in Technology mission.”

Winners were thoroughly reviewed and selected by judging panel, which was made up of industry leaders from prominent media, academia, companies and professional organizations.

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About IGS

The Institute for Genome Sciences (IGS) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine is an international research center dedicated to advancing the use of genomics to improve healthcare. Led by Dr. Claire Fraser-Liggett, a preeminent genome scientist and microbiologist, IGS is located in a 10-acre BioPark on the University of Maryland Baltimore’s campus. IGS scientists integrate genomics, bioinformatics and metagenomics into biomedical research. For more information, see www.igs.umaryland.edu.

About Women in Technology

Women in Technology (WIT) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to offering women involved in all levels of the technology industry a wide range of professional development and networking opportunities. One of the organization's main goals is to create a forum where women in technology can be recognized and promoted as role models. The organization’s values are embodied in its tag line: *Connect. Lead. Succeed.* WIT was founded in 1994 and has nearly 1,000 members. For more information, please visit WIT’s web site, www.womenintechnology.org.