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Maruho Announces the Fifth Maruho Prize Winner, Award Ceremony and Lecture

Maruho Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka, Japan, President and CEO: Koichi Takagi) is pleased to announce the winner of the Fifth Maruho Prize after having received notification of the decision by the Maruho Prize Selection Committee. The award ceremony and lecture will be held on May 30, 2015.

The Maruho Prize, “to honor great contributors in clinical dermatology,” was established in 2010 to recognize dermatologists who have made outstanding achievements in clinical dermatology and contributed to the development of the field of clinical dermatology in Japan. The winners of the Maruho Prize are determined by a selection committee composed of experts who review the nominations.

Fifth Maruho Prize Winner and Reason for Winning Prize

Yoshiki Miyachi, M.D., Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus, Kyoto University/Director, Shiga Medical Center for Adults

Reason: *Great contribution as a dermatologist to the treatment of pressure ulcers*

Award Ceremony and Lecture

Date: Saturday, May 30, 2015

Venue: Pacifico Yokohama (in conjunction with a seminar co-sponsored by Maruho at the 114th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Dermatological Association)

Professor Miyachi was instrumental in the establishment of the Japan Society of Pressure Ulcers (JSPU). He was involved in the formulation of medical guidelines for pressure ulcers and the development of a tool to score the severity of pressure ulcers and monitor their healing. Furthermore, as President of the JSPU, he contributed to a nationwide epidemiological study and promoted awareness activities for healthcare professionals. As a result, the increased awareness in healthcare professionals for the



treatment is contributing significantly to the reduction of pressure ulcer incidences in Japan.

About Pressure Ulcers

Pressure ulcers are also commonly known as bedsores. When the same part of the skin is in contact with surfaces such as bed mattresses, wheelchairs, etc. for extended periods of time, pressure in combination with friction causes poor blood flow. The skin, subcutaneous tissue and muscles do not receive oxygen and nutrients and consequently die. This is how pressure ulcers are formed.

Maruho's initiatives towards treatment for pressure ulcers

Focusing on the treatment of pressure ulcers, Maruho markets agents for pressure ulcers/skin ulcers Actosin[®] Ointment 3% (INN: bucladesine sodium) and Iodocoat[®] Ointment 0.9% (INN: iodine), and non-chemical debriding agent Bromelain[®] Ointment 50,000 BU/g (INN: bromelain). Additionally, Maruho operates a website providing useful information to pressure ulcer patients and their families about prevention, treatment and care for pressure ulcers. For details please visit

www.maruho.co.jp/kanja/jokusoujiten_ff/

(As Maruho only markets Actosin[®], Iodocoat[®] and Bromelain[®] for customers in Japan, the information is only provided in Japanese).

About Maruho

Maruho Co., Ltd. has its headquarters in Osaka and leads Japan in research and development, manufacturing, and commercialization of dermatological products. Founded in 1915, Maruho has 1,297 employees (as of the end of September 2014), and net sales were approximately 63.3 billion yen in the previous fiscal year. Pursuing its long-term corporate vision of "Excellence in Dermatology," Maruho is striving to improve the health and quality of life of people all over the world.

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