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MacQueen Lecture Presentation

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RICHARD A. ARONSON: Good afternoon. It's an extraordinary honor for me to introduce and present the 2008 award for the John MacQueen Lecture to Dr. Victor W. Seidel.

A distinguished career, teacher, physician, author who represents the highest ideals of the professions of medicine public health and maternal and child health. He is the distinguished university professor of social medicine at Montefiore Medical Center and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx, and he is the adjunct professor of public health at Weill Medical College of Cornell University in New York City where I was born by the way. So that's good.

He has served as the President of the American Public Health Association, of Physicians For Social Responsibility, which he was one of the founders in the early 1960s, and of the International Physicians For the Prevention of Nuclear War, of which he also was one of the founders and the organization that received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985.

He is coeditor with Dr. Barry Levy of a great book, whose second edition has just come out. It's called War and Public Health. And if you join us for the follow-up session workshop, we have the first chapter of that book available for all of you.

He's also the author of Terrorism in Public Health and also with Dr. Levy and Social Injustice and Public Health.

I could go on and on, but I won't, because the message that he is here to share with us is very, very powerful. He was selected from a very strong list, group of nominees by the AMCHP board, and personally this is a -- personally this is a great, great honor to be able to present the award and to introduce Dr. Seidel.

Our hope for this lecture is that it will stimulate and activate and excite dialogue among all of us in AMCHP about maternal and child health and our role with respect to war and peace.

And after his lecture, Dr. Seidel will have a couple of questions here and for those of you who want to continue the discussion he will join us at a workshop starting at 2:15 in the Chestnut Room.

I think the thing that most inspires me and so many others over the years is that he has stayed with this work, we're talking 50 years, five decades, ups and

downs, a lot of ups and downs. And I think it's that kind of sustainability that Dr. MacQueen had and that is really honored with this lecture.

So what we'd like to do is to present him with the award right now and then have him share his remarks with us.

And so, please join me in giving a great round of applause to Dr. Victor W. Seidel.