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Dr. Bradley P. Stoner Elected President of the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association

Research Triangle Park, NC (May 21, 2012) – Bradley P. Stoner, M.D., Ph.D. was elected by the membership as President of the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association (ASTDA), the nation's premier medical specialty society representing researchers and clinicians specializing the care, treatment, and prevention of sexually transmitted infections. Dr. Stoner will officially take his position as President during the ASTDA Executive Committee meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida next month. In this position, Dr. Stoner will direct ASTDA's programs which include oversight of the field's flagship scientific journal *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*, co-sponsorship of national and international scientific conferences, and the granting of developmental and recognition awards for new and experienced investigators in the field of sexually transmitted infections.

Dr. Stoner received undergraduate and graduate degrees in anthropology from Harvard University and McGill University before completing M.D. and Ph.D. degrees at Indiana University. He trained in internal medicine at Duke University Medical Center, and completed a senior research fellowship in infectious diseases at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is currently Associate Professor of Anthropology and Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, where he specializes in clinical, epidemiological, and sociocultural studies of sexually transmitted infections. He is board-certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases.

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Dr. Stoner has contributed more than 140 published articles, reviews, book chapters and abstracts, primarily in the areas of sexually transmitted disease epidemiology, control, and prevention. Since 1995, he has directed the St. Louis STD/HIV Prevention Training Center, a CDC-funded continuing education program for physicians, nurses, and mid-level providers of STD clinical services. He has served as an invited lecturer for numerous scientific conferences and is actively engaged in research and service in the STD professional field. He was first elected to the ASTDA Executive Committee in 2001, then served as ASTDA vice-president from 2007-2011. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians (FACP) and a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (FIDSA).

ASTDA is the nation's most prestigious professional association of STD researchers, practitioners, and prevention specialists. Founded in 1948, the organization is dedicated to the control, prevention, and ultimate eradication of sexually transmitted infections, and supports research in medical, epidemiological, laboratory, social, and behavioral STD studies. "This is a difficult time for sexually transmitted disease prevention, and additional research is urgently needed," Dr. Stoner said. "STD rates continue to rise across the nation, with minority and marginalized communities bearing the brunt of the burden. Moreover, many STD pathogens are now showing increasing signs of resistance to previously-reliable medications. Now more than ever, we need additional resources to bear upon this important societal problem." ASTDA, at the forefront of research, training, and advocacy for STD prevention, is an essential professional voice in the national dialogue, Dr. Stoner said.

"Throughout my career, I have advocated for greater awareness of the ways that sexually transmitted infections contribute to abject pain and suffering in human communities around the nation and around the world. These are not merely individual health issues – organized community responses are needed to stem the spread of these infections. As we move toward a greater appreciation of sexual health across the lifespan, attention to STD prevention will become increasingly important," explained Dr. Stoner.

Dr. Stoner and his wife, Leslie, reside in St. Louis. They have two children.

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About ASTDA

The American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association is dedicated to the control, prevention, and ultimate eradication of sexually transmitted infections. Membership in ASTDA is open to individuals who engage in STD-related research, STD program management and the clinical management of persons with or at risk for sexually transmitted infections. The association is committed to advancing excellence in research, clinical practice, and prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

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