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New Clinical Trials Book Author Wins Prestigious Federal Award

May 1, 2009 (Rockville, MD) – BioPlan Associates, Inc. is proud to announce that Dr. Suzanne White Junod, US FDA, has been awarded the Society for the History in the Federal Government's (SHFG) Thomson Prize for her chapter entitled "FDA and Clinical Drug Trials: A Short History" published in BioPlan's new book, *A Quick Guide to Clinical Trials*.



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The annual award is given for excellence in any aspect of the federal government's history, written in or for a federal history program. Entries are judged for value in furthering the understanding and history of the federal government; quality and thoroughness or research; style and appropriateness or presentation; suitability and rigor of methodology; and use of original and primary materials.

“We are delighted that Suzanne’s important chapter has been recognized through this prestigious national award,” commented Eric Langer, President and Managing Partner at BioPlan Associates, Inc. “Her chapter captured the innovative spirit in which the book which aimed to demystify the topic of clinical trials in an exceptionally reader-friendly, yet authoritative format”.

The Thomson Prize is named for Charles Thomson (1729-1824) who was a Patriot leader in Philadelphia during the American Revolution and secretary of the Continental Congress (1774-1789) throughout its existence. The Thomson Prize commemorates the secretary of Congress from 1774–1789, America’s first archivist.

Dr Faiz Kermani, the book’s editor notes, “Researchers, patients, and even clinical trials managers are often bewildered by the Byzantine rules and regulations governing clinical trials. Keeping it all straight and up-to-date has, until now, been challenging. This book allows readers to get a grip on the topic in just enough detail.” Unlike other clinical trial books, this one also acknowledges the role of the patient. How many clinical researchers have actually become involved as a patient? Probably very few! This book provides first-hand insights.

A Quick Guide to Clinical Trials is available from BioPlan Associates, Inc., Rockville, MD 20850.

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