

John R. Sladek, Ph.D.

Dr. John Sladek is at the University of Colorado as a Professor of Pediatrics and Neuroscience. He previously served as President and Chief Executive Officer of California Lutheran University, and as Vice Chancellor for Research and Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience at the University of Colorado at Denver Health Sciences Center. Dr. Sladek created an office for the university that managed over 3000 human clinical trial protocols and basic biomedical research for five schools including Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy, Graduate Studies and 42 Centers and Institutes. He had oversight responsibility for over \$300,000,000 in annual research expenditures and all regulatory compliance related to research. From 1991 to 2001, Dr. Sladek founded and chaired the Department of Neuroscience at The Chicago Medical School; prior to that, he was chair of the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Rochester School of Medicine from 1982-1991. At Rochester, Chicago and Denver, he helped guide successful campus initiatives including the development of a 400-acre, \$2 billion campus, the consolidation of two Denver campuses and the development of an institute for Down syndrome and developmental disabilities research.

At the University of Colorado at Denver, Dr. Sladek continues his NIH supported research into the effects of Down's syndrome and Parkinson's disease, including the study of neural stem cell replacement for central nervous system disorders and neural repair mechanisms in a primate model of Parkinsonism. He has authored over 200 scientific publications in the field of brain transmitters and neural repair, and has presented over 350 invited lectures throughout the world. Dr. Sladek was founding President of the American Society for Neural Therapy and Repair and served as Editor-in-Chief of the journal, *Experimental Neurology* for 15 years. He is credited for revitalizing the journal and stimulating a focus on mechanisms and strategies for regeneration and repair in the nervous system. He currently serves as Section Editor for *Cell Transplantation*, *The Journal of Regenerative Medicine*, and is a member of an NIH Fellowship Review Committee. Dr. Sladek received his B.A. from Carthage College, where he serves as a Trustee, his M.S. from Northwestern University School of Medicine and his Ph.D. from the Chicago Medical School.

Dr. Sladek has served on the CIRM Grants Working Group for approximately two years during which he has been an active participant in working group activities and has presided over two review meetings as the alternate chair.