



## Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Awards honor outstanding KU, K-State professors

Two professors from KU and two from Kansas State University are recipients of prestigious Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Achievement Awards for 2010.

The awards, now in their 28th year, honor outstanding accomplishments in research by faculty members at KU and other Kansas Board of Regents institutions. The recognition program was established by Takeru Higuchi, a distinguished professor at KU from 1967 to 1983, and his late widow, Aya.

### Commendation Text

November 3, 2010 at KU Alumni Center

Based on his research achievement, CHII-DONG LIN, University Distinguished Professor of Physics and associate director of the J.R. MacDonald Laboratory at Kansas State University, is presented with the Olin Petefish Award in Basic Sciences.

Chii-Dong Lin joined the faculty at K-State in 1976 and is recognized internationally as a pioneering researcher in several important fields of atomic, molecular and optical physics. His early career focused on the theoretical description of energetic ion-atom collisions. Later, he turned to studies of ultrafast, intense-field, short-pulse, laser-based physics and is regarded as a world leader in both fields.

In his career, Lin has published more than 350 heavily cited scientific papers. In 2009, he organized and chaired a conference that attracted 250 of the world's leading ultrafast / laser scientists to Manhattan, underscoring his international research reputation.

Dr. Lin is a graduate of National Taiwan University and received a Ph.D. degree in physics from the University of Chicago. He was a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard University prior to going to K-State.

Dr. Lin was the recipient of a prestigious Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship in 1979, and has held visiting appointments at the University of Colorado and three different institutions in Taiwan. He also served as an Argonne Visiting Scientist in 1986-87.

A fellow researcher notes, “[He] is an important figure in the atomic and molecular physics community and is a major reason for the high standing of K-State in [these fields]. His research is characterized by an elegance of exposition and a powerful, penetrating insight.”

Congratulations, Dr. Lin.