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Wistar Institute Leader, Russel E. Kaufman, to Deliver Keynote at IEEE Philadelphia Awards Banquet & Gala

*Kaufman to present “Using Computers to Understand Biological Systems” on
Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Union League of Philadelphia. Registration is now open.*

Philadelphia, PA – March 28, 2013 – The [Philadelphia Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. \(IEEE\)](#) is proud that Russel E. Kaufman, M.D., president and CEO of [The Wistar Institute](#), will deliver the keynote address at its Awards Banquet & Gala on April 13, 2013. The event celebrates the 50th anniversary of the merging of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) and the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE). This merger of the two institutes was renamed the IEEE, an organization which today serves more than 400,000 members.

Dr. Kaufman will discuss using computers to understand biological systems before an audience of IEEE Philadelphia Section members and other attendees. A pacesetter for the growing life sciences industry in the Greater Philadelphia Region, Dr. Kaufman has published original work on the hematopoietic system and maintained editorial positions for a variety of notable publications including the New England Journal of Medicine, Duke Cancer Reports, Blood Journal and Duke Med Magazine. He has served on the board of directors of many organizations such as the Greater Philadelphia Life Sciences Congress, the University City Science Center and the Council for American Medical Innovation, to name a few.

Under Dr. Kaufman’s leadership, The Wistar Institute — the nation’s first independent, non-profit biomedical research institute — maintains an active research program investigating the genetics of blood diseases and cancer.

Registration is now open for anyone to attend the Saturday, April 13 IEEE Philadelphia Awards Banquet & Gala, which will be held at the prestigious Union League located at 140 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. A reception starts at 5:45 PM followed by a full-course dinner at 6:45 PM. The evening will include an awards presentation, exhibits, and networking. The cost to attend the IEEE (Philadelphia Section) Awards Banquet & Gala is \$90 per person after March 22 and \$100 per person after April 6).

To register, contact the IEEE Philadelphia Section at sec.philadelphia@ieee.org or 484-270-5136.

About IEEE

The mission of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) is to conduct scientific, educational, and professional programs for the advancement of electrical and computer engineering, their

related arts and sciences, and the stature of the professions they serve. IEEE sponsors numerous Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) activities and provides scholarships to engineering students.

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About IEEE Philadelphia Section

The Philadelphia Section (or Branch as it was then called) of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, or AIEE for short, was organized in 1903. As the electric power industry grew so did the AIEE. However, on May 13, 1912, another branch of the electrical profession, the radio engineers, formed the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE), which grew so rapidly its membership soon surpassed that of the AIEE. As early as 1922, the AIEE and IRE discussed the possibility of merging, as the interests of the societies overlapped. No serious steps were taken until 1961. One year later, the membership of the organizations approved the merger, which officially took place on January 1, 1963, under the new name of The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE).

Today the IEEE Philadelphia Section serves more than 4,000 members in the Delaware Valley including Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties in Pennsylvania and Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester counties in New Jersey. The Philadelphia Section holds regular meetings and events; publishes a member newsletter, the Almanack, ten times per year; presents an annual awards banquet & gala; and offers a leadership scholarship through its student branch. For more information, visit <http://www.ieeephiladelphia.org> or call 484-270-5136. Visit IEEE Philadelphia Section on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/IEEE-Philadelphia-Section/128674543953396>.

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Note to editors: A photo of Dr. Kaufman is available.