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**The North American Menopause Society
Creates Foundation**

CLEVELAND (September 20, 2006) – The North American Menopause Society (NAMS) is pleased to announce the formation of The North American Menopause Society Foundation (Foundation) as a philanthropic supporting organization to NAMS.

The Mission of the Foundation is to develop and execute fundraising initiatives to support NAMS in its objectives of promoting the health and quality of life of women through an understanding of menopause.

“With an unprecedented number of women reaching menopause—over two million each year in North America alone—the public health challenge has never been greater,” states Wulf H. Utian, MD, PhD, Executive Director of NAMS and Founding President of the Foundation. “Many of these women need accurate information to make informed decisions about their health at this often challenging time of life, not only to relieve menopause symptoms, but also to lower risk of diseases. Menopause represents an ideal time to initiate or reinforce a preventive health plan.”

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The formation of the Foundation will enable NAMS to focus its initiatives exclusively to scientific education endeavors and allow the Foundation to concentrate on raising monies to support those endeavors. The Foundation's concerted efforts will no doubt broaden the donor base.

Operating as a §501(c)(3) public charity of the Internal Revenue Code, all contributions to the Foundation will be income-tax deductible to the extent of the law. Donors will be assured that their contributions will only be used to support the education endeavors of the Society.

The Foundation's founding Board of Directors, appointed by the NAMS Board of Trustees, is composed of business and community leaders as well as healthcare professionals from the NAMS membership who have expressed a substantial interest in furthering the Mission of NAMS through active fund development initiatives. Joining Dr. Utian on the Foundation's Board are:

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Contributions from individuals, family foundations, corporations, and foundations can be accepted by the Foundation and designated for the unrestricted allocation by the Foundation Board or for the establishment of named endowment or special purpose funds as desired by the donors.

Grants in support of continuing education (CE) activities for health professionals will continue to be accepted by NAMS, not the Foundation, as NAMS is the organization that is accredited to develop such activities. For assistance in making gifts of cash, appreciated securities or other property including real estate, life insurance or tax-deferred retirement accounts, contact Pamela P. Boggs, MBA, Director of Education and Development.

With the formation of the Foundation, the mechanism to ensure a sound financial base for the future of menopause education is now in place.

The Mission of NAMS, a §501(c)(3) nonprofit scientific organization, is to promote the health and quality of life of women through an understanding of menopause. The Society's membership of 2,000 professionals representing a variety of disciplines—including clinical and basic science experts from medicine, nursing, pharmacy, anthropology, sociology, psychology, and complementary/alternative medicine—makes NAMS uniquely qualified to serve as the definitive resource for health professionals and the public for accurate, unbiased information about menopause. (www.menopause.org)

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