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## Stephen Manheimer Joins Monell Board

PHILADELPHIA (March 28, 2018) -- In a natural next step to a relationship with the Monell Center that spans over 40 years, Stephen Manheimer has joined the Monell Center Board of Directors.

Born into the third generation of a family in the natural flavors and fragrances business, Manheimer grew up analyzing aromatic chemicals and essential oils in his basement laboratory. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania in 1963, he joined the family business, taking graduate chemistry courses at Columbia University along the way. Drawn to Monell in the early 1970s by an interest in the chemical senses and the lure of scientific discovery, Manheimer and his family established an annual dinner to celebrate the Center's scientists and maintained a close connection with Monell over the ensuing decades. In 2004, the Manheimer family sold their business to Kerry, where Manheimer currently serves as an Executive Vice President, continuing to maintain strong personal and professional ties to Monell.

A recognized leader in the flavor and fragrance industry from early in his career, Manheimer was elected in 1973 to become the youngest ever president of the Essential Oil Association, the precursor of what is now the International Fragrance Association, North America (IFRANA). He has received several awards for industry contributions and service and currently serves on the board of the Research Institute of Fragrance Materials, an industry nonprofit devoted to gathering and distributing scientific data on the safety of fragrance ingredients.

"Steve's lifetime of experience in the flavor and fragrance industry coupled with his long and deep connection to Monell make him an exceptionally valuable addition to our Board," said Monell Center Board Chair, Dwight Risky, PhD. "His broad knowledge and extensive connections will benefit the Center immensely as we move forward into our next 50 years."

Manheimer's interest in scientific exploration continues today, strongly reinforced by his years of accumulated industry acumen. Having served as a member of Monell's International Advisory Council since 2001, Manheimer views the opportunity to serve on Monell's board as an opportunity to reinforce his commitment to the Center's mission, using a businessman's approach.



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“Monell’s greatest strength is its talented scientists, who derive invaluable benefits from the Center’s multidisciplinary collaborative work environment,” he says. “Looking ahead, we need to maintain our core values while developing more business-like strategies to achieve our goals. We must also focus on delivering results that translate into real-time human benefits. The potential of Monell’s research is extraordinary.”

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