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Weidner Awarded NATA Foundation Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research

Dallas, TX, June 2010 – Thomas Weidner, PhD, ATC, has been awarded the Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research (the Medal) by the National Athletic Trainers' Association Research & Education Foundation's (NATA Foundation).

The NATA Foundation's Medal for Distinguished Athletic Training Research is a lifetime achievement award. It recognizes an established researcher who has had held a doctoral degree for a minimum of ten (10) years. Medal winners must have sustained a prolific body of work that has contributed to research in the field of athletic training and health care of the physically active. Winners receive a medal and a cash award.

"This is the top award provided by the NATA Foundation for a researcher in the field of athletic training," said NATA Foundation Research Committee Chair Darin Padua, PhD, ATC. "Dr. Weidner is an excellent choice for this award and he joins a group of highly esteemed researchers."

Weidner will present his research and will be honored during the NATA Foundation's Distinguished Lecture Series, Wednesday, June 23, in Philadelphia, PA during the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Annual Meeting & Cynical Symposia.

"Dr. Weidner's contributions to the body of knowledge in athletic training have been exemplary," added NATA Foundation President Mark Hoffman, PhD, ATC. "It is only through research, such as that provided by Dr. Weidner, that the profession of athletic training will continue to advance. This work is critical to the entire health care community."

National Athletic Trainers' Association Research & Education Foundation (NATA Foundation) – Athletic trainers are health care professionals who specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and illnesses. The NATA Foundation is the only 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the profession of athletic training through research and education. Established in 1991, the NATA Foundation has awarded more than \$2 million in undergraduate and graduate scholarships and \$2.9 million in research grants. For more information, visit www.natafoundation.org.

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