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Dr. Cohen has been a member of numerous NIH, US EPA, US FDA, WHO, IARC, and NAS scientific panels, was a member of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) and the NIEHS BSC, and served on the Board of Trustees of the International Life Sciences Institute and the Health and Environmental Sciences Institute. He is currently serving on the US EPA Science Advisory Board and the FEMA Expert Panel for evaluation of flavor ingredients. He was recipient of the SOT's Merit Award (2017) and Arnold J. Lehman Award (2001), Distinguished Scientist in Cancer Research by the Japanese Foundation for Cancer Research (2004), the George H. Scott Award from Toxicology Forum (2012), Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Environmental Health and Science (2012), Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Toxicologic Pathology (2015), and the Distinguished Scientist Award from the American College of Toxicology (2016). He has been active in the Academy of Toxicological Sciences since 2000, including service on the Board of Directors. He also continues as an active surgical pathologist.