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April 6, 2007

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Incyte Corporation that will be held on May 22, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Hotel du Pont, 11th and Market Streets, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

The formal notice of the Annual Meeting and the Proxy Statement have been made a part of this invitation.

After reading the Proxy Statement, please mark, date, sign and return, at an early date, the enclosed proxy in the enclosed prepaid envelope, to ensure that your shares will be represented. **Your shares cannot be voted unless you sign, date and return the enclosed proxy, follow the instructions on the proxy to vote by telephone or the Internet, or attend the Annual Meeting in person.**

A copy of the Company's 2006 Annual Report to Stockholders is also enclosed.

The Board of Directors and management look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Richard U. De Schutter
Chairman of the Board

INCYTE CORPORATION

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders
to be held May 22, 2007

To the Stockholders of Incyte Corporation:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Incyte Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the Company), will be held at the Hotel du Pont, 11th and Market Streets, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, on Tuesday, May 22, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect eight directors to serve until the 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and thereafter until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
2. To consider and vote upon a proposal to amend the Company's 1991 Stock Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance thereunder by 3,000,000 shares, from 22,350,000 shares to 25,350,000 shares;
3. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2007; and
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting of Stockholders and any postponement or adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

Stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 28, 2007 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any postponement or adjournment thereof.

It is important that your shares be represented at this meeting. Even if you plan to attend the meeting, we hope that you will vote as soon as possible. Voting now will ensure your representation at the Annual Meeting regardless of whether you attend in person. Please review the instructions on page 2 of the attached Proxy Statement regarding your voting options. This will not limit your right to attend or vote at the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Patricia A. Schreck
Secretary

April 6, 2007

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PROXY STATEMENT

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Incyte Corporation, a Delaware corporation (we, us, Incyte or the Company), of proxies in the accompanying form to be used at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company to be held at the Hotel du Pont, 11th and Market Streets, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, on Tuesday May 22, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, and any postponement or adjournment thereof.

This Proxy Statement and the accompanying form of proxy are being mailed to stockholders on or about April 16, 2007.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT
THE PROXY MATERIALS AND THE ANNUAL MEETING**

What proposals will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

Three proposals will be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

- The election of directors;
- The amendment of the Company s 1991 Stock Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance; and
- The ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm for 2007.

What are the Board s recommendations?

Our Board recommends that you vote:

- **FOR** election of each of the nominated directors;
- **FOR** the amendment of the Company s 1991 Stock Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance; and
- **FOR** ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm for 2007.

Will there be any other items of business on the agenda?

We do not expect any other items of business because the deadline for stockholder proposals and nominations has already passed. Nonetheless, in case there is an unforeseen need, the accompanying proxy gives discretionary authority to the persons named on the proxy with respect to any other matters that might be brought before the meeting. Those persons intend to vote that proxy in accordance with their best judgment.

Who is entitled to vote?

Stockholders of record at the close of business on March 28, 2007 (the Record Date) may vote at the Annual Meeting. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of the Company s common stock (Common Stock) held as of the Record Date.

What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

Stockholder of Record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with Incyte s transfer agent, Mellon Investor Services LLC, you are considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and proxy card have been sent directly to you by Incyte.

Beneficial Owner. If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name. The Proxy Statement and Annual Report have been forwarded to you by your broker, bank or nominee who is considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or nominee how to vote your shares by using the voting instruction form included in the mailing.

How do I vote?

You may vote using any of the following methods:

- **By Mail** Sign and date each proxy card you receive and return it in the prepaid envelope. Sign your name exactly as it appears on the proxy. If you return your signed proxy but do not indicate your voting preferences, your shares will be voted on your behalf FOR the election of the nominated directors, FOR the amendment of the Company s 1991 Stock Plan and FOR the ratification of the independent registered public accounting firm for 2007.
- **By Telephone or the Internet** If you are a beneficial owner, you will receive instructions from the holder of record that you must follow in order for your shares to be voted. Telephone and Internet voting will be offered to stockholders owning shares through most banks and brokers. Follow the instructions located on your voting instruction form. Please be aware that if you vote over the telephone or the Internet, you may incur costs such as telephone and Internet access charges for which you will be responsible. The Internet and telephone voting facilities will close at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, the day before the meeting date. Internet and telephone voting is not available for stockholders of record.

If you vote by telephone or via the Internet you do not need to return your voting instruction form.

- **In Person at the Annual Meeting** Shares held in your name as the stockholder of record may be voted at the Annual Meeting. Shares held beneficially in street name may be voted in person only if you obtain a legal proxy from the broker, bank or nominee that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares. *Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy or voting instructions or vote by telephone or the Internet so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting.*

Can I change my vote or revoke my proxy?

You may change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time prior to the vote at the Annual Meeting. If you submitted your proxy by mail, you must file with the Secretary of the Company a written notice of revocation or deliver, prior to the vote at the Annual Meeting, a valid, later-dated proxy. If you submitted your proxy by telephone or the Internet, you may change your vote or revoke your proxy with a later telephone or Internet proxy, as the case may be. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not have the effect

of revoking a proxy unless you give written notice of revocation to the Secretary before the proxy is exercised or you vote by written ballot at the Annual Meeting.

How are votes counted?

In the election of directors, you may vote **FOR** all of the nominees or your vote may be **WITHHELD** with respect to one or more of the nominees. For other items of business, you may vote **FOR**, vote **AGAINST** or **ABSTAIN**. If you **ABSTAIN**, the abstention has the same effect as a vote **AGAINST**. If you provide specific instructions, your shares will be voted as you instruct. If you sign your proxy card or voting instruction form with no further instructions, your shares will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board (**FOR** all of the nominees to the Board, **FOR** the amendment of the Company's 1991 Stock Plan, **FOR** ratification of the independent registered public accounting firm, and in the discretion of the proxy holders on any other matters that may properly come before the meeting).

What vote is required to approve each item?

For Proposal 1, the election of directors, the eight persons receiving the highest number of **FOR** votes at the Annual Meeting will be elected. For Proposal 1, any shares not voted will have no impact on the election of directors, except to the extent the withholding of authority to vote for an individual director results in another individual receiving a larger number of votes. Each of Proposal 2 and Proposal 3 requires the affirmative **FOR** vote of a majority of the shares present at the Annual Meeting in person or by proxy and entitled to vote. If you hold shares beneficially in street name and do not provide your broker or nominee with voting instructions, your shares may constitute broker non-votes. Generally, broker non-votes occur on a matter when a broker is not permitted to vote on that matter without instructions from the beneficial owner and instructions are not given. In tabulating the voting result for any particular proposal, shares that constitute broker non-votes are not considered entitled to vote on that proposal. Thus, broker non-votes will not affect the outcome of any matter being voted on at the Annual Meeting, assuming that a quorum is obtained. For Proposal 2 and Proposal 3, abstentions have the same effect as votes **AGAINST** the matter.

Is cumulative voting permitted for the election of directors?

Stockholders may not cumulate votes in the election of directors, which means that each stockholder may vote no more than the number of shares he or she owns for a single director candidate.

What constitutes a quorum?

The presence at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of Common Stock outstanding on the Record Date will constitute a quorum. As of the close of business on the Record Date, there were 83,992,570 shares of our Common Stock outstanding. Both abstentions and broker non-votes are counted for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum.

What is householding and how does it affect me?

Incyte has adopted a process for mailing the Annual Report and Proxy Statement called **householding**, which has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Householding means that stockholders who share the same last name and address will receive only one copy of the Annual Report and Proxy Statement, unless we receive contrary instructions from any stockholder at that address. Incyte will continue to mail a proxy card to each stockholder of record.

If you prefer to receive multiple copies of the Annual Report and Proxy Statement at the same address, additional copies will be provided to you upon request. If you are a stockholder of record, you

may contact us by writing to Investor Relations Department, Incyte Corporation, Experimental Station, Route 141 & Henry Clay Road, Building E336, Wilmington, Delaware 19880 or by calling (302) 498-6700 and asking for Investor Relations. Eligible stockholders of record receiving multiple copies of the Annual Report and Proxy Statement can request householding by contacting Incyte in the same manner. Incyte has undertaken householding to reduce printing costs and postage fees, and we encourage you to participate.

If you are a beneficial owner, you may request additional copies of the Annual Report and Proxy Statement or you may request householding by notifying your broker, bank or nominee.

How are proxies solicited?

Employees, officers and directors of the Company may solicit proxies. We will reimburse brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding proxy and solicitation material to the owners of Common Stock.

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PROPOSAL 1**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS****Nominees**

The Board of Directors proposes the election of eight directors of the Company to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and thereafter until their successors are duly elected and qualified. If any nominee is unable or declines to serve as director at the time of the Annual Meeting, an event that the Company does not currently anticipate, proxies will be voted for any nominee designated by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy.

The Company's Bylaws provide that the Company shall not have fewer than one nor more than twelve directors, with the exact number of directors to be determined by the Board of Directors. The number of directors is currently fixed at eight.

Names of the nominees and certain biographical information about them are set forth below:

Name	Age	Position with the Company	Director Since
Richard U. De Schutter (1)(3)(5)	66	Chairman of the Board	2001
Barry M. Ariko (1)(2)	61	Director	2001
Julian C. Baker (1)(3)(5)	40	Director	2001
Paul A. Brooke (1)(3)(5)	61	Director	2001
Matthew W. Emmens (2)	55	Director	2006
Paul A. Friedman, M.D. (4)(5)	64	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director	2001
John F. Niblack, Ph.D.	68	Director	2006
Roy A. Whitfield (2)	53	Director	1991

- (1) Member of the Compensation Committee.
- (2) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (3) Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.
- (4) Member of the Non-Management Stock Option Committee.
- (5) Member of the Finance Committee.

Richard U. De Schutter has been Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors since 2004. He was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DuPont Pharmaceuticals Company from July 2000 to October 2001. He served as Chief Administrative Officer of Pharmacia Corporation between April 2000 and July 2000. From January 1999 through March 2000, Mr. De Schutter served as Vice Chairman and Chief Administrative Officer of Monsanto Company. He served as Chief Executive Officer of G.D. Searle & Co. from April 1995 to December 1998. Mr. De Schutter is also a director of Ecolab, Inc., Smith & Nephew PLC, Varian, Inc. and several privately held companies.

Barry M. Ariko has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Mirapoint, Inc., a secure messaging technology company, since November 2003, and has been its Chairman of the Board since December 2003. He was a private consultant from October 2001 to October 2003. From April 2001 until September 2001, Mr. Ariko was Senior Vice President of Peregrine Systems, Inc., an infrastructure management software company, and from April 2001 until June 2002 was a member of its Board of Directors. From March 2000 until the acquisition of Extricity, Inc. by Peregrine in April 2001, Mr. Ariko served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Extricity, an Internet software provider, and he also served as Chairman of the Board of Extricity from March 2000 to April 2001. In September 2002, Peregrine filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code

in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. Peregrine emerged from bankruptcy court supervision in August 2003 and was acquired by Hewlett-Packard Company in December 2005. From March 1999 to January 2000,

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Mr. Ariko was a Senior Vice President of America Online, Inc., where he was responsible for the Netscape Enterprise Group. From August 1998 until the acquisition of Netscape Communications Corporation by America Online in March 1999, Mr. Ariko served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Netscape. From 1994 to August 1998, Mr. Ariko was Executive Vice President of Oracle Corporation. Mr. Ariko currently serves as a director of Autonomy Corporation plc and a privately held company.

Julian C. Baker is a Managing Member of Baker Bros. Advisors, LLC, which he and his brother, Felix Baker, Ph.D., founded in 2000. Mr. Baker's firm manages Baker Brothers Investments, a family of long-term investment funds for major university endowments and foundations, which are focused on publicly traded life sciences companies. Mr. Baker's career as a fund manager began in 1994 when he co-founded a biotechnology investing partnership with the Tisch family. Previously, Mr. Baker was employed from 1988 to 1993 by the private equity investment arm of Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation. He is also a director of Genomic Health, Inc., Neurogen Corporation, Theravance, Inc. and Trimeris, Inc.

Paul A. Brooke has been Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Ithaca Acquisition Corp., a special purpose acquisition company whose objective is to acquire an operating business in the healthcare industry, since 2005, and a Managing Member of PMSV Holdings LLC, a private investment firm, since 1993. He has also served as a Senior Advisor to Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated since April 2000, and was a Venture Partner at MPM Capital, a venture capital firm specializing in the healthcare industry, from 1997 through 2006. From April 1999 through May 2000, Mr. Brooke served as a Managing Director at Tiger Management LLC. He was a Managing Director and the Global Head of Healthcare Research and Strategy at Morgan Stanley & Co. from 1983 to April 1999. Mr. Brooke is also a director of Emdeon Corporation, ViroPharma Incorporated and several privately held companies.

Matthew W. Emmens has been the Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Management Committee and a member of the Board of Directors of Shire plc, a global specialty pharmaceuticals company, since 2003. From 2001 to 2003, Mr. Emmens served as president of Merck KGaA's global prescription pharmaceuticals business. From 1999 to 2001, Mr. Emmens served as President and Chief Executive Officer of EMD Pharmaceuticals, a division of Merck KGaA. Prior to this, Mr. Emmens held various positions, including Chief Executive Officer, at Astra Merck, Inc. as well as several positions at Merck & Co., Inc. Mr. Emmens serves on the Board of Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated.

Paul A. Friedman, M.D. joined the Company as the Chief Executive Officer in November 2001 and has been President of the Company since May 2004. From 1998 until October 2001, Dr. Friedman served as President of DuPont Pharmaceuticals Research Laboratories, a wholly owned subsidiary of DuPont Pharmaceuticals Company (formerly The DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company), from 1994 to 1998 he served as President of Research and Development of The DuPont Merck Pharmaceutical Company, and from 1991 to 1994 he served as Senior Vice President at Merck Research Laboratories. Prior to his work at Merck and DuPont, Dr. Friedman was an Associate Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Friedman is a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and a Member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation. He received his A.B. in Biology from Princeton University and his M.D. from Harvard Medical School. Dr. Friedman is also a director of Bausch & Lomb Incorporated.

John F. Niblack, Ph.D. retired from Pfizer Inc. in September 2002, where he had served as its Vice Chairman since May 1999, and as a director since June 1997. From June 2000 to July 2002, he also served as President of Pfizer Global Research and Development. Dr. Niblack was Executive Vice President of Pfizer from 1993 to May 1999 and was responsible for Pfizer's Global Research and Development Division and Pharmaceutical Licensing and Development. Dr. Niblack held other various positions at Pfizer since 1967.

Roy A. Whitfield co-founded the Company and served as Chairman of the Board from November 2001 until June 2003. Mr. Whitfield served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company between June 1993 and November 2001, as President of the Company from June 1991 until January 1997, and as Treasurer of the Company between April 1991 and October 1995. Previously, Mr. Whitfield served as the President of Ideon Corporation, which was a majority-owned subsidiary of Invitron Corporation, a biotechnology company, from October 1989 until April 1991. From 1984 to 1989, he held senior operating and business development positions with Technicon Instruments Corporation, a medical instrumentation company, and its predecessor company, Cooper Biomedical, Inc., a biotechnology and medical diagnostics company. Prior to his work at Technicon, Mr. Whitfield spent seven years with the Boston Consulting Group's international consulting practice. He also serves as a director of Illumina, Inc., Nektar Therapeutics and several privately held companies.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR election as director of the nominees set forth above.

Director Independence

The Board of Directors has determined that, except for Dr. Friedman, each individual who currently serves as a member of the Board is, and each individual who served as a member of the Board in 2006 was, an independent director within the meaning of Rule 4200 of The NASDAQ Stock Market. Dr. Friedman is not considered independent as he is employed by the Company as its President and Chief Executive Officer. All of the nominees are members of the Board standing for re-election as directors. For Messrs. Ariko, Brooke, De Schutter, Emmens and Niblack, the Board of Directors considered their relationship and transactions with the Company as directors and security holders of the Company. For Mr. Baker, the Board of Directors considered Mr. Baker's relationship and transactions with the Company as a director and security holder of the Company, and ordinary course transactions with another company for which Mr. Baker serves as a director. For Mr. Whitfield, the Board of Directors considered Mr. Whitfield's status as a director, security holder and former executive officer of the Company.

Board Meetings

The Board of Directors held seven meetings during 2006. Each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings held by the Board of Directors and of the committees on which such director served during his tenure in 2006. The independent directors meet in regularly scheduled executive sessions at in-person meetings of the Board of Directors without the participation of the President and Chief Executive Officer or other members of management. All directors are expected to attend the Annual Meeting and, in 2006, all six directors then continuing in office attended the 2006 annual meeting of stockholders.

Board Committees

The Board of Directors has appointed a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, an Audit Committee and a Compensation Committee. The Board has determined that each director who serves on these committees is independent, as that term is defined by applicable listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market and Securities and Exchange Commission rules. The Board has approved a charter for each of these committees that can be found on our website at <http://www.incyte.com> under the Corporate Governance heading. The Board has also appointed a Non-Management Stock Option Committee and has established a Finance Committee.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The current members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Richard U. De Schutter (Chair), Julian C. Baker and Paul A. Brooke. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held two meetings during 2006. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's primary functions are to identify qualified individuals to become members of the Board of Directors, determine the composition of the Board and its committees, and monitor a process to assess Board effectiveness. Other specific duties and responsibilities of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are to recommend nominees to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors, review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to candidates for director proposed by stockholders, review on an annual basis the composition, functioning and effectiveness of the Board and its committees, develop and recommend to the Board of Directors codes of conduct applicable to officers, directors and employees and charters for the various committees of the Board, and review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the succession plan relating to the Chief Executive Officer.

Audit Committee

The current members of the Audit Committee are Barry M. Ariko (Chair), Matthew W. Emmens and Roy A. Whitfield. Mr. Emmens joined the Audit Committee in May 2006, replacing Dr. Frederick B. Craves, who served on the Audit Committee until his retirement from the Board of Directors. Mr. Whitfield joined the Audit Committee in January 2007, replacing Mr. De Schutter, who had served on the Audit Committee since June 2002. The Audit Committee held seven meetings during 2006. The Audit Committee's primary functions are to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to the Company's financial statements, system of internal control over financial reporting, and auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. Other specific duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee are to appoint, compensate, evaluate and, when appropriate, replace the Company's independent registered public accounting firm; review and pre-approve audit and permissible non-audit services; review the scope of the annual audit; monitor the independent registered public accounting firm's relationship with the Company; and meet with the independent registered public accounting firm and management to discuss and review the Company's financial statements, internal control over financial reporting, and auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes. The Board of Directors has determined that all three members of the Audit Committee are qualified as Audit Committee Financial Experts under the definition outlined by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Compensation Committee

The current members of the Compensation Committee are Paul A. Brooke (Chair), Barry M. Ariko, Julian C. Baker and Richard U. De Schutter. The Compensation Committee held seven meetings during 2006. The Compensation Committee's primary functions are to assist the Board of Directors in meeting its responsibilities with regard to oversight and determination of executive compensation and to review and make recommendations with respect to major compensation plans, policies and programs of the Company. Other specific duties and responsibilities of the Compensation Committee are to develop and monitor compensation arrangements for the Company's executive officers, make recommendations to the independent members regarding compensation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, determine compensation for the Company's other executive officers, determine stock-based compensation awards for the Company's executive officers, and administer performance-based compensation plans such as the Company's 1991 Stock Plan. The Compensation Committee also reviews and recommends directors' compensation to the full Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee has the authority to select, retain, terminate and approve the fees and other retention terms of consultants as it deems appropriate to perform its duties. Additional information concerning the Compensation Committee's processes and

procedures for the consideration and determination of executive compensation is set forth under the heading Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

Non-Management Stock Option Committee

Dr. Friedman currently serves as the Non-Management Stock Option Committee. The Non-Management Stock Option Committee is a secondary committee responsible for granting and issuing awards of options and shares under the 1991 Stock Plan to eligible employees or consultants, other than to members of the Board of Directors, to individuals designated by the Board of Directors as Section 16 officers, and to employees who hold the title of Senior Vice President or above. In addition, the Non-Management Stock Option Committee may not make any awards or grants to any one employee or consultant that total more than 50,000 shares of Common Stock in any calendar year.

Finance Committee

The current members of the Finance Committee are Paul A. Brooke (Chair), Julian C. Baker, Richard U. De Schutter, and Paul A. Friedman. The Finance Committee held six meetings in 2006. The Finance Committee's primary function is to assist the Board of Directors in its oversight of the Company's strategic financing matters and, in that regard, to review and recommend matters related to the capital structure of the Company and, upon delegation by the Board of Directors, to exercise the powers of the Board of Directors that may be lawfully delegated to the Finance Committee in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of debt or equity securities of the Company.

Director Nominations

The Board of Directors nominates directors for election at each annual meeting of stockholders and elects new directors to fill vacancies when they arise. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has the responsibility to identify, evaluate, recruit and recommend qualified candidates to the Board of Directors for nomination or election.

The Board of Directors has as an objective that its membership be composed of experienced and dedicated individuals with a diversity of backgrounds, perspectives and skills. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will select candidates for director based on their character, judgment, diversity of experience, business acumen, and ability to act on behalf of all stockholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that nominees for director should have experience, such as experience in management or accounting and finance, or industry and technology knowledge, that may be useful to the Company and the Board, high personal and professional ethics, and the willingness and ability to devote sufficient time to effectively carry out his or her duties as a director. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes it appropriate for at least one, and, preferably, multiple, members of the Board to meet the criteria for an audit committee financial expert as defined by Securities and Exchange Commission rules, and for a majority of the members of the Board to meet the definition of independent director under the rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also believes it appropriate for certain key members of the Company's management currently, the President and Chief Executive Officer to participate as members of the Board.

Prior to each annual meeting of stockholders, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies nominees first by evaluating the current directors whose term will expire at the annual meeting and who are willing to continue in service. These candidates are evaluated based on the criteria described above, including as demonstrated by the candidate's prior service as a director, and the needs of the Board with respect to the particular talents and experience of its directors. In the event that a director does not wish to continue in service, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee determines not to

re-nominate the director, or if a vacancy is created on the Board as a result of a resignation, an increase in the size of the Board or other event, then the Committee will consider various candidates for Board membership, including those suggested by the Committee members, by other Board members, by any search firm engaged by the Committee and by stockholders. The Committee recommended all of the nominees for election included in this Proxy Statement. All of the nominees are members of the Board standing for re-election as directors.

A stockholder who wishes to suggest a prospective nominee for the Board should notify the Secretary of the Company or any member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in writing with any supporting material the stockholder considers appropriate. In addition, the Company's Bylaws contain provisions that address the process by which a stockholder may nominate an individual to stand for election to the Board of Directors at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders. In order to nominate a candidate for director, a stockholder must give timely notice in writing to the Secretary of the Company and otherwise comply with the provisions of the Company's Bylaws. To be timely, the Company's Bylaws provide that the Company must have received the stockholder's notice not less than 60 days nor more than 90 days prior to the scheduled date of such meeting. However, if notice or prior public disclosure of the date of the annual meeting is given or made to stockholders less than 70 days prior to the meeting date, the Company must receive the stockholder's notice by the earlier of (1) the close of business on the 10th day after the earlier of the day the Company mailed notice of the annual meeting date or provided such public disclosure of the meeting date and (2) two days prior to the scheduled date of the annual meeting. Information required by the Bylaws to be in the notice include the name and contact information for the candidate and the person making the nomination and other information about the nominee that must be disclosed in proxy solicitations under Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the related rules and regulations under that Section.

Stockholder nominations must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in, and include the information required by, the Company's Bylaws and must be addressed to:

Secretary
Incyte Corporation
Experimental Station
Route 141 & Henry Clay Road
Building E336
Wilmington, DE 19880

You can obtain a copy of the full text of the Bylaw provision by writing to the Company's Secretary at the above address.

Communications with the Board of Directors

If you wish to communicate with the Board of Directors, you may send your communication in writing to:

Secretary
Incyte Corporation
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You must include your name and address in the written communication and indicate whether you are a stockholder of the Company.

The Secretary will review any communications received from a stockholder and all material communications from stockholders will be forwarded to the appropriate director or directors or Committee of the Board based on the subject matter.

Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

It is the Company's policy that all employees, officers and directors must avoid any activity that is or has the appearance of conflicting with the interests of the Company. This policy is included in the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and Board of Directors Code of Conduct and Ethics. The Company conducts a review of all related party transactions for potential conflict of interest situations on an ongoing basis and all such transactions must be approved by the Company's Audit Committee or another independent body of the Board of Directors.

Compensation of Directors

Directors who are employees of the Company do not receive any fees for their service on the Board of Directors or any committee. During 2006, Dr. Friedman was the Company's only employee director. For a description of the compensation arrangements with Dr. Friedman see Executive Compensation.

Cash Compensation

In 2006, the Company's non-employee directors each received \$2,500 for every in-person Board meeting that they attended and \$500 for every Board meeting that they attended telephonically. Non-employee directors received additional compensation of \$500 for their participation in every committee meeting that they attended that was up to one hour in duration and \$1,000 for every committee meeting that was over one hour in duration, in each case whether in-person or telephonic. The chair of the Audit Committee received an additional \$6,000 annually, and the chair of the Compensation Committee received an additional \$5,000 annually. The chair of any other committee received an additional \$4,000 annually. Non-employee directors also received a \$15,000 annual retainer, which was prorated for such portion of the year that the director served on the Board. Mr. De Schutter's annual retainer was \$22,500 in recognition of his additional responsibilities as Chairman of the Board. In addition, all directors were reimbursed for their travel and out-of pocket expenses in accordance with the Company's travel policy for each in-person Board or committee meeting that they attended.

Effective March 2007, the Company's non-employee directors will no longer receive fees for each Board meeting or committee meeting that they attend. Each non-employee director, other than the Chairman of the Board, will receive a \$25,000 annual retainer, payable quarterly, and prorated for such portion of the year that the director serves on the Board. Mr. De Schutter will receive an annual retainer of \$50,000 as Chairman of the Board. The chair of the Audit Committee will receive an additional \$15,000 annual retainer, and each other member of the Audit Committee will receive an additional \$7,500 annual retainer. The chair of the Compensation Committee will receive an additional \$12,000 annual retainer, and each other member of the Compensation Committee will receive an additional \$6,000 annual retainer. The chair of any other committee will receive an additional \$4,000 annual retainer, and each other member of such other committee will receive an additional \$2,000 annual retainer. All directors will continue to be reimbursed for their travel and out-of pocket expenses in accordance with the Company's travel policy for each in-person Board or committee meeting that they attend.

Equity Compensation

In addition to cash compensation for services as a member of the Board, the non-employee directors also receive options to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock pursuant to the 1993 Directors' Stock Option Plan (the Directors' Option Plan). Under the Directors' Option Plan, every new

non-employee director appointed to the Board of Directors will receive an initial stock option grant of 35,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price equal to 100% of the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant. The option will vest as to 25% of the shares on the first anniversary of the date of the grant, with the remaining shares vesting monthly over the following three years. Pursuant to the Directors Option Plan, following the conclusion of each annual meeting of stockholders, each non-employee director who will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors will receive an additional option to purchase 20,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant. Each of these options will vest in full on the first anniversary of the date of the grant or, if earlier, the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders or upon a change in control. When a new non-employee director is appointed to the Board of Directors at a time other than at an annual meeting, such director will receive a pro rata portion of the automatic annual grant that will vest in full on the date of the Company's next annual meeting. In 2006, each of Messrs. Ariko, Baker, Brooke, De Schutter, and Whitfield received their annual grant of an option to purchase 20,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant, and each of Messrs. Emmens and Niblack received an initial grant of an option to purchase 35,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant.

The table below shows the compensation paid to each non-employee director for their service in 2006.

2006 Director Compensation

Director	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Option Awards \$(2)(3)	Total (\$)
Richard U. De Schutter	50,500	70,953	121,453
Barry M. Ariko	44,000	51,477	