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Press is invited to cover Nov. 17 gala to celebrate pioneering scientist Dr. Ruth Patrick's 100th birthday

WHAT: The Academy of Natural Sciences, the oldest natural history museum in the Americas, throws fundraising gala to honor pioneering scientist Dr. Ruth Patrick as she turns 100 years old.

WHO: Dr. Patrick has spent her 74-year-long career at the Academy. In the 1940s she established the relationship between biodiversity and ecosystem health that is the foundation of today's environmental science and management. She has received nearly every major science award and honor, including the National Medal of Science from President Bill Clinton in 1996. She continues to come to work almost daily. Dr. Patrick turns 100 on Nov. 26. This gala not only marks her upcoming centenary, but honors her lifetime of scientific achievement. More on Dr. Patrick, <http://www.ansp.org/research/pcer/rp/index.php>

About 350 people plan to attend, including Sen. Arlen Specter. More on gala, <http://www.ansp.org/Patrick100/index.php>

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 17.

5:45 – 6 p.m.: Guests arrive on red carpet and under marquee at the Parkway entrance and proceed to Dinosaur Hall, under the watchful gaze of *Tyrannosaurus rex*.

6 – 7 p.m.: Cocktails

7 p.m.: Dinner

WHERE: The Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia

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The Academy of Natural Sciences, the oldest natural science research museum in the Americas, is a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

The Academy is located at 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway and is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and weekends until 5 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3-12, seniors, college students with I.D. and military personnel, and free for children under 3. There is an additional \$2 fee for "Butterflies!"