

Office of Technology Licensing director resigning

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Niels Reimers, founder and director of Stanford's Office of Technology Licensing (OTL), resigned from the University Tuesday, March 19. His resignation, after 23 years, is effective June 1.

OTL, nationally considered the model for university patent offices, will net \$15,960,000 for Stanford this year, licensing patents for Stanford inventors. It netted \$9,945,232 for fiscal year 1989-90.

Reimers has been so successful in earning money for the University's patents, he was asked to spend a year at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1985-86 to revamp its licensing program.

Reimers said OTL will gross \$24 million this year.

Reimers told his staff of his resignation at a meeting Tuesday morning, saying he essentially was taking early retirement.

"I have agreed, subject to mutually agreeable terms and

management approval, to continue at 50 percent time in OTL, either as a part-time employee or on a consultant basis," he wrote in his resignation letter.

Reimers "strongly" recommended that Jon Sandelin be appointed immediately as the new director.

"He is considered by his co-workers, faculty and company
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