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The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer Announces Awards Recipients

Winners Receive Opportunity to Expand Education, Research, and Advocacy Efforts for Lung Cancer Study

DENVER – The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) announced today the award winners correlated with the IASLC 17th World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC) held in Vienna, Austria, Dec. 4-7, 2016. The programs include the Young Investigators Travel Awards, the Developing Nations Investigators Travel Awards, the International Mentorship Program Awards, the Lectureship Awards, and the Patient Advocacy Awards.

“The IASLC’s awards programs are a way for the association to further support those individuals who are critical in the fight against lung cancer,” said Fred R. Hirsch, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine and Pathology at the University of Colorado Cancer Center and School of Medicine, and CEO of the IASLC. “In addition to complimentary registration to the IASLC WCLC and international recognition, these individuals also receive support and opportunities to further their objectives in the study, advocacy, and research of thoracic malignancies.”

The IASLC awards programs and winners are as follows:

Young Investigators and Developing Nations Travel Awards – The IASLC’s travel awards programs are open to Young Investigators 35 years of age or younger, as well as to Developing Nations Investigators. These awards provide the opportunity to attend the IASLC WCLC when a lack of funds may otherwise prevent these individuals from doing so on their own. The following individuals will be accepting a **Young Investigators Travel Award**:

- Hao-ran Zhai, Guangdong Lung Cancer Institute; Guangdong General Hospital and Guangdong Academy of Medical Sciences; Southern Medical University, China
- Takahiro Karasaki, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Japan
- Krista Wink, Maastricht Clinic, Netherlands
- Kyle Wang, University of North Carolina Hospitals, USA
- Daiana Becker-Santos, British Columbia Cancer Research Centre, Canada
- Kadir Sarun, Asbestos Diseases Research Institute, Australia
- Sara Ricciardi, Division of Thoracic Surgery, University Hospital of Pisa, Italy
- Ji An Hwang, Asan Medical Center, South Korea
- Sandra Ortiz-Cuaran, Cancer Research Center of Lyon, France



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- Elly Marcq, University of Antwerp, Belgium

The following individuals will receive a **Developing Nations Travel Award**:

- Shuang Zhao, Department of Respiratory Medicine, West China Hospital, Sichuan University, China
- Weijing Cai, Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital, China
- Yue Zhao, Fudan University Shanghai Cancer Center, China
- Dawei Yang, Zhongshan Hospital Fudan University, China
- Shengxiang Ren, Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital, Tongji University School of Medicine, Tongji University Cancer Institute, China
- Zhong-Yi Dong, Guangdong Lung Cancer Institute, Guangdong General Hospital, China
- Navneet Singh, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), India
- Mani Bhargava, ICFAI University, India
- Gaurav Kumar, GMERS Medical College, India
- Alok Goel, Tata Memorial Hospital, India
- Ayaz Shahid, Jamia Hamdard University, India
- Arun Chandrasekharan, Tata Memorial Hospital, India
- Chandrashekhar Thummala Hally Sreeramareddy, International Medical University, Malaysia
- Tatiane Montella, Neotorax, Brazil
- Isis Nascimento, University of São Paulo, Brazil
- Ana Paula Teixeira, National Cancer Institute-Ministry of Health, Brazil
- Viktoriia Nikulina, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine
- Andrey Akopov, Pavlov First State Medical University, Russia
- Denisse Lee, National Cancer Institute, Mexico
- Ahmed Salem, Faculty of Pharmacy, Ain Shams University, Egypt

The International Mentorship Program – Open to early-career physicians and researchers from economically-developing countries, the mentorship program provides an opportunity for professional development and education. Winners are matched with prominent scientific and clinical mentors in Europe area for shadowing opportunities. Winners will shadow their mentor for one week after the close of the IASLC WCLC. The following individuals will be accepting a Mentorship Award:

- Kezhong Chen, Peking University People's Hospital, China
- Shaodong Hong, Sun Yat-sen University Cancer Center, China
- Xiaohua Shi, Peking Union Medical College Hospital, China
- Yi-Chen Zhang, Guangdong Lung Cancer Institute; Guangdong General Hospital (GGH) & Guangdong Academy of Medical Sciences, China
- Fengying Wu, Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital, Tongji University, China
- Chunxia Su, Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital, Tongji University School of Medicine, China
- Xiaomin Niu, Shanghai Chest Hospital, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
- Sandra Perdomo, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC-WHO), France
- Fábio Chaves, University of Algarve, Portugal
- Adam Szpechcinski, National Institute of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, Poland
- Paola De la Iglesia, Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Jose Nicolas Minatta, Hospital Italiano, Argentina



- Carolina Gabay, Instituto de Oncología Angel H. Roffo, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Rosa Luz Luna Palencia, Instituto Nacional de Cancerología, Mexico
- Marisol Arroyo Hernandez, Instituto Nacional de Enfermedades Respiratorias Ismael Cosío Villegas, Mexico
- May Myat Cho, Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance, Thailand
- Chanchai Charonpongsuntorn, Ramathibodi Hospital, Thailand
- Deepali Jain, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India
- Ashish Jakhetiya, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India
- Vinaya Kumar J R, IRCH, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), India
- Fawaz Pullishery, Educare Institute of Dental Sciences, India
- Vikas Talreja, Tata Memorial Hospital, India
- Delfin Lovelina Francis, Tagore Dental College and Hospital, India
- Satheesh Thungappa, HCG Bangalore Institute of Oncology Speciality Centre, India
- Daniela Xhemalaj, University Hospital of Lung Diseases, Albania
- Ihsan Alloubi, CHU Oujda, Morocco
- Pierpaolo Pastina, Azienda Ospedaliera Universitaria Senese, Italy
- Sandhya C. Acharya, National Academy of Medical Sciences, BIR Hospital, Nepal
- Tomi Kovacevic, Institute for Pulmonary Diseases of Vojvodina, Faculty of Medicine, University of Novi Sad, Serbia
- Milica Kontic, Clinical Centre of Serbia, Serbia
- Omer Giray Intepe, Dr. Siyami Ersek Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Training and Research Hospital, Turkey
- Silvia Josefina Ayala León, National Cancer Institute Prof. Manuel Riveros, Paraguay

Lectureship Awards – IASLC’s Lectureship Awards honor individuals for their high-ranking abstracts in key lung cancer areas. The Lectureship Awards are named after IASLC members who have been leaders in the areas of pathology, surgery, small cell lung cancer, medical oncology, and staging. The Lectureship Awards are as follows:

- **Daniel C. Ihde Lectureship Award (Combined Modality):** Krista Wink, Maastricht Clinic, Netherlands, for “Metformin Use during Concurrent Chemoradiotherapy for Locally Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC).”
- **Robert J. Ginsberg Lectureship Award (Surgery):** Aki Kobayashi, Mie University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan, for “Survival Outcomes in Sublobar Resection for Clinical T1N0M0 Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Wedge Resection or Segmentectomy.”
- **Heine H. Hansen Lectureship Award (Small Cell Lung Cancer):** Marianna Christodoulou, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, United Kingdom, for “Compliance and Outcome of Elderly Patients Treated in the Concurrent Once-Daily versus Twice-Daily Radiotherapy (CONVERT) Trial.”
- **Clifton F. Mountain Lectureship Award (Surgery/Staging):** Hao-ran Zhai, Guangdong Lung Cancer Institute, Guangdong General Hospital & Guangdong, China, for “Evolutionary Trajectories of Molecular Progression in Different Subtypes of Primary Lung Adenocarcinomas.”



- **Tsuguo Naruke Lectureship Award (Surgery):** Ryuichi Waseda, Fukuoka University, Japan, for “Anatomical Pulmonary Segmentectomy and Sub-Segmentectomy for Lung Cancer Using the Novel Fluorescence Technique with Vitamin B2.”
- **Adi F. Gazdar Lectureship Award (Translational Research):** Jonathan Riess, University of California Davis Cancer Center, USA, for “Comprehensive Genomic Profiling and PDX Modeling of EGFR Exon 20 Insertions: Evidence for Osimertinib Based Dual EGFR Blockade.”

Patient Advocacy Awards – Open to patient advocates and advocacy organizations that have minimal funds, the Patient Advocacy Awards program aims to improve relationships from the bench to the bedside by increasing links to patient advocates and advocacy organizations around the world. The winners will receive complimentary registration and travel expenses for the IASLC 17th WCLC. The Patient Advocacy Awards winners are as follows:

- Ide Mills, USA
- Elizabeth Dessureault, Canada
- Ewelina Szmytke, Poland
- Kazuo Hasegawa, Japan
- Lillian Leigh, Australia

The IASLC WCLC is the world’s largest meeting dedicated to lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies, attracting more than 6,000 researchers, physicians, and specialists from more than 100 countries. For more information on the IASLC 17th WCLC, visit: <http://wclc2016.iaslc.org/>. To register for the IASLC 17th WCLC, visit <http://wclc2016.iaslc.org/registration-accommodation/registration/>.

About the WCLC:

The WCLC is the world’s largest meeting dedicated to lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies, attracting more than 6,000 researchers, physicians, and specialists from more than 100 countries. The goal is to increase awareness, collaboration, and understanding of lung cancer, and to help participants implement the latest developments across the globe. Organized under the theme of “Together Against Lung Cancer,” the conference will cover a wide range of disciplines and unveil several research studies and clinical trial results. For more information, visit <http://wclc2016.iaslc.org/>.

About the IASLC:

The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) is the only global organization dedicated to the study of lung cancer. Founded in 1974, the association's membership includes more than 5,000 lung cancer specialists in over 100 countries. Visit www.iaslc.org for more information.

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