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Milan Medical Oncologist to be Honored for Lifetime Scientific Achievement

The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer to Present Joseph W. Cullen/Early Detection Award to Ugo Pastorino

DENVER – Milan medical oncologist, Ugo Pastorino, MD will be recognized by The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) with a Distinguished Award at the IASLC 17th World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC) in Vienna, Austria. Dr. Pastorino will accept the Joseph W. Cullen/Early Detection Award, honoring his lifetime scientific achievements in research on the prevention of thoracic malignancies.

Dr. Pastorino is Director of the Thoracic Surgery Division at the Istituto Nazionale Tumori in Milan, Italy, and serves as faculty at the School of Specialization in Thoracic Surgery, General Surgery, and Medical Oncology and at the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery. Dr. Pastorino was a leader in early studies of chemoprevention of smoking-induced cancers, focusing on such agents as vitamin A (retinol) and synthetic derivatives.

“Dr. Pastorino has demonstrated excellence in research toward the prevention of thoracic malignancies,” 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. “His commendable efforts will continue to be a key component in the advancement of medicine and the fight against lung cancer.”

Dr. Pastorino’s clinical research interests lie in the diagnosis and treatment of primary and secondary lung cancer, use of positron emission tomography for staging of thoracic malignancies, salvage surgery of lung metastases and mediastinal tumors, biology of lung carcinogenesis, and chemoprevention of smoking-induced cancers. A prolific author and international leader, Dr. Pastorino served as Executive Director of the European School of Oncology from 1982-1988 and Secretary General of the IASLC from 1991-1994. He has written more than 300 articles in peer-reviewed journals and more than 500 articles, book chapters, and presentations for scientific meetings. Dr. Pastorino graduated with a degree in medicine from the University of Milan in 1979. His thesis explored the environmental causes of lung cancer.

Dr. Pastorino will be honored on Dec. 4, 2016 at the Opening Plenary Session at the IASLC 17th WCLC in Vienna, Austria. 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



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countries. The IASLC 17th WCLC will take place in Vienna, Austria Dec. 4-7, 2016. For more information on the IASLC 17th WCLC, visit: <http://wclc2016.iaslc.org/>.

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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