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Seoul Medical Oncologist and Professor to be Honored for Extraordinary Contributions to Lung Cancer Association

The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer to Present IASLC Merit Award to Keunchil Park

DENVER – Seoul area medical oncologist and professor, Keunchil Park, MD, PhD 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. Park will accept the IASLC Merit Award, honoring his extraordinary contributions to the IASLC’s development.

Dr. Park is a Professor in the Division of Hematology-Oncology, Department of Medicine, Samsung Medical Center, Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine in Seoul, South Korea. Dr. Park’s professional interests lie in experimental and translational research in lung, head and neck, and esophageal cancers; early clinical trials; and the development of experimental therapeutics. The institute he leads focuses heavily on data management and clinical and preclinical trials, particularly exploring precision medicine and genome analysis.

“The IASLC wouldn’t be such a strong organization without the individuals who are devoted to supporting the society and furthering its mission,” 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. “Dr. Park has been instrumental in developing the Asia Pacific Lung Cancer Conference (APLCC), and through his research and his involvement in organizations that are committed to the fight against lung cancer, he has demonstrated a commendable commitment to our cause.”

Dr. Park is currently a member of the IASLC Asia Pacific Lung Cancer Conference Committee. He served on the IASLC Board of Directors from 2009-2013. He was the Scientific Secretary of the IASLC WCLC in 2007 and is Co-President of the IASLC 18th WCLC in 2017, to be held in Yokohama, Japan. Dr. Park is also involved in organizations including the Scientific Committee of the Korean Cancer Association, the Korean Cancer Study Group, and the Korean Association for Clinical Oncology.

Dr. Park earned his undergraduate degree, medical degree, and doctorate from Seoul National University and specializes in medical oncology. He also studied in the United States as a Visiting Associate with the National Cancer Institute.



Dr. Park 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 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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