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Recipients Chosen for STARS Program for IASLC 20th World Conference on Lung Cancer

DENVER – The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) has selected ten participants for the Supportive Training for Advocates on Research and Science (STARS) Program to attend the IASLC 2019 World Conference on Lung Cancer (WCLC) in Barcelona, Spain.

The STARS Program, funded by AMGEN, is a new program that aims to increase the number of Patient Research Advocates (PRAs) equipped to provide accurate scientific translation in their online or real-life lung cancer patient/caregiver groups, and to provide the patient perspective for lung cancer research and policy.

Of the ten participants, there are 5 mentors and 5 PRAs. The individuals selected have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to lung cancer advocacy through activities or educating others about lung cancer. The Mentors & PRAs selected include:

- Mentors:
 - Upal Basu Roy, USA
 - Dusty Donaldson, USA
 - Jill Feldman, USA
 - Jill Hamer-Wilson, Canada
 - Lillian Leigh, Australia
- PRAs:
 - Susan McCullough, Australia
 - Kimberley MacIntosh, Canada
 - Caleb Egwuenu, Nigeria
 - Shelly Engfer-Triebebach, USA
 - Laura Greco, USA

STARS Mentors and PRAs will receive complimentary registration to attend the IASLC WCLC. At the WCLC, they will be educated about the scientific process and how to read research articles and presentations. They will also be trained on how to best communicate the importance of scientific research for lung cancer.

After the meeting, each PRA will receive continuous education opportunities to complete the STARS Program and build relationships between themselves and IASLC members who are directly involved in research.

About the WCLC:

The WCLC is the world's largest meeting dedicated to lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies, attracting more than 7,000 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. The conference will cover a wide range of disciplines and unveil several research studies and clinical trial results. For more information, visit wclc2019.iaslc.org.

About the IASLC:

The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) is the only global organization dedicated solely to the study of lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies. Founded in 1974, the association's membership includes more than 7,500 lung cancer specialists across all disciplines in over 100 countries, forming a global network working together to conquer lung and thoracic cancers worldwide. The association also publishes the *Journal of Thoracic Oncology*, the primary educational and informational publication for topics relevant to the prevention, detection, diagnosis and treatment of all thoracic malignancies. Visit www.iaslc.org for more information.

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