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IASLC to help advocacy organizations attend 14th World Conference on Lung Cancer in Amsterdam

Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. (March 4, 2011) -- Lung and thoracic cancer advocacy organizations are invited to apply for travel awards to send their representatives to the 14th World Conference on Lung Cancer, to be held July 3-7, 2011 in Amsterdam.

The International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) will grant awards to five different advocacy groups, covering one representative from each organization. The awards include free registration, up to five nights' accommodation and a fixed amount to cover travel expenses to the conference, the world's largest meeting dedicated to lung cancer and thoracic malignancies. Recipients also will enjoy free IASLC affiliate membership for one year.

This is the first year that the IASLC has offered travel awards to its biennial world conference, a leading forum for lung cancer specialists since 1978. IASLC is committed to engaging advocacy organizations in its mission to use all available means to eliminate lung cancer as a health threat for the individual patient and throughout the world.

“With this decision to support advocate attendance at the World Conference, IASLC has increased its commitment within the area of lung cancer advocacy,” IASLC Director of Membership Kristin Richeimer said. “We have a lot to learn from, and a lot to contribute to the work existing advocacy organizations are already involved in worldwide. We aim to be a resource that helps connect advocacy organizations to each other, and to the constantly evolving science being developed by IASLC members who are world leaders in lung cancer research and treatment.”

Applicants for the Advocacy Travel Award will be required to submit documentation confirming the organization's non-profit status, annual revenue and organizational structure, a summary of expected outcomes for attending the WCLC 2011, descriptions of previous collaboration with IASLC or other successful advocacy initiatives, as well as other supporting documentation required by IASLC. To be eligible to apply, all organizations must include lung cancer-specific advocacy as a primary mission and function. Advocacy organizations from around the world are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is March 28, 2011, and announcements of scholarship awards will be made by April 1st.

Advocacy organizations may complete the application process by following the link below. Advocates and advocacy organizations from around the world who do not receive the travel award are still encouraged to register for the WCLC and attend as delegates.

<http://www.jotform.com/form/10264747268>

About the World Conference on Lung Cancer:

More than 7,000 participants are expected to attend the 14th World Conference on Lung Cancer in Amsterdam. It is hosted by the IASLC, the only global organization dedicated to the study of lung cancer and thoracic malignancies. More information can be found at 2011worldlungcancer.org.

About IASLC:

The Denver-based International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) is the only global organization dedicated to the study of lung cancer. Founded in 1972, the association's membership includes nearly 3,000 lung cancer specialists in 80 countries.

IASLC members work toward developing and promoting the study of etiology, epidemiology, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and all other aspects of lung cancer and thoracic malignancies. IASLC's mission is to enhance the understanding and education of lung cancer to scientists, members of the medical community and the public. IASLC publishes the Journal of Thoracic Oncology, a prized resource for medical specialists and scientists who focus on the detection, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer.

To find out more about IASLC please visit www.iaslc.org.