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ISHLT TO RECOGNIZE HEART TRANSPLANT LEADER DR. SHARON HUNT WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PRAGUE, Czech Republic, April 19, 2012 – The International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) recognizes Sharon Hunt, M.D., Professor at Stanford University, for her unyielding dedication to Heart Transplantation Medicine, with the Lifetime Achievement Award during the organization's Annual meeting on April 19 in Prague, Czech Republic.

The Lifetime Achievement Award has only been awarded four times previously in the Society's 31-year history.

Dr. Hunt is recognized by the society for her relentless efforts to bring Heart Transplantation Medicine from its inception at Stanford to its current excellence, for her legacy in training and mentoring the many international leaders in the field, for her countless past and ongoing scientific contributions including spearheading the most comprehensive guidelines in heart failure transplantation. She is also recognized for her untiring service to the ISHLT as President, Chair of the JHLT (Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation) Editor Search Committee, Co-Chair of the Heart Transplant International Guidelines Committee and most recently as Chair of the US-based ABIM certification board in Advanced HF and Transplant Cardiology (a certification that has legitimized the field in the US).

"Dr. Hunt exemplifies all the characteristics of a leader in heart transplantation," said Stuart Sweet, ISHLT 2012 Scientific Program Chair. "Her passion and dedication to Stanford, ISHLT and her other affiliations make her deserving of this honor."

Dr. Hunt joins previous Lifetime Achievement Award winners including, Margaret Billingham, MD (2010), Sir Magdi Yacoub, MD (2004), Keith Reemtsma, MD (1999), and Norman Shumway, MD (1996).

About ISHLT

The International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) is a not-for-profit professional organization with more than 2,700 members from over 45 countries dedicated to improving the care of patients with advanced heart or lung disease through transplantation, mechanical support and innovative therapies via research, education and advocacy. For more information, visit www.isHLT.org.

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