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International Society For Heart & Lung Transplantation Reveals 2014 Award Winners

Sir Terence English Awarded Lifetime Achievement Award and James K. Kirklin MD Named as Distinguished Educator

SAN DIEGO – April 10, 2014 – The International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) 34th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions are taking place April 10-13, 2014, in San Diego, Calif. During this Annual Meeting, several prominent awards and grants will be distributed including the Lifetime Achievement and Distinguished Educator awards.

The ISHLT 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award is bestowed every other year to an ISHLT member, recognized for their outstanding achievements and tireless dedication in the field of heart and lung transplantation. This year's award recipient, Sir Terence English, KBE, FRCS served as a Cardiothoracic Surgeon to Papworth and Addenbrooke Hospital, from 1972 through 1995. Currently, he is retired and resides in Oxford. Sir Terence English will give a lecture during the Opening Plenary Session of the 2014 Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions to commemorate this honor.

This year ISHLT will introduce the Distinguished Educator award during the Opening Plenary Session. James K. Kirklin, MD from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, will be the 2014 recipient in recognition of his outstanding educational leadership, including his dedication to improving patient care and quality of life through careful scientific investigation of clinical outcomes, novel therapies, and the basic mechanisms of diseases that make cardiothoracic surgical interventions necessary.

"ISHLT is proud to count Sir Terence English among our members, and we are looking forward to presenting him with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his pioneering and sustained leadership in our field. Additionally, as ISHLT furthers its commitment to educational excellence, we are excited to introduce the new Distinguished Educator Award, and present it to our first recipient, Jim Kirklin," said Jason D Christie, MD – ISHLT Program Chair.

In addition to those awards, this year's Norman E. Shumway Career Development Award, Brano Memorial Fellowship Grant, Research Fellowship Grant Award, Nursing, Health Sciences and Allied Health Research Grant Award, and Transplant Registry Early Career Awards will be among the awards presented at the Awards Ceremony during the Plenary Session on Sunday, April 13, at 9:30 AM.

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 core 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.