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ISRAEL CANCER ASSOCIATION/SCRIPPS FLORIDA CANCER SYMPOSIUM – A TRUE COLLABORATION FOR A CURE

(West Palm Beach, FL) January 21, 2010 – The Israel Cancer Association USA (ICA USA) underwrites fellowships for research conducted by scientists at more than 38 hospitals, universities and institutions in Israel. On January 20th, five of these renowned scientists: Yosef Yarden, Ph.D., Department of Biological Regulation, The Weizmann Institute; Ronit Satchi-Fainaro, Ph.D., Physiology-Pharmacology Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University; Doron Ginsberg, Ph.D., Faculty of Life Sciences, Bar-Ilan University; Shai Izraeli, M.D., Ph.D., Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine and Sheba Medical Center; Bat Sheva Kerem, Ph.D., The Alexander Silberman Institute of Life Sciences, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, visited Scripps Florida in Jupiter for the first-ever Israel Cancer Association/Scripps Florida Cancer Symposium Collaboration for a Cure.

Initiated and coordinated by the Israel Cancer Association USA based in West Palm Beach, FL, the Symposium brought together the scientists to meet and share cancer research being conducted at the various institutions. This effort is the first step toward fostering scientific and grant collaborations, creating joint publications, advancing science, and developing new drugs for cancer prevention and therapy. ICA will host the Scripps Florida scientists in Israel in 2012.

Miri Ziv, Director General, ICA Israel said, "The information shared and relationships created at this Symposium are important for progress in cancer research. The Israel Cancer Association is the largest and most prestigious healthcare organization in Israel. In addition to the fellowships, the organization operates vital treatment and healthcare projects throughout Israel. We believe the research of today is the treatment for tomorrow and that collaboration is the key to global fight against cancer. "

“Our organizations share a drive to cure cancer, said Co-Chairman Yosef Yarden, Ph.D. The Weizmann Institute, and this Symposium offered us the opportunity for productive collaboration and to create a long term synergy with the scientists in a major effort to expand our research.”

John L. Cleveland, Professor and Chair, Department of Cancer Biology, Scripps Florida said, “Having the scientists together was a great first step toward generating unique and productive research collaborations and coming up with new targets for cancer prevention and therapy. Scripps Florida research can be shared with other leading institutions and this is a win-win endeavor with the scientists affiliated with the Israel Cancer Association.”

Speakers from Israel and presentation titles: Yosef Yarden, Ph.D., Department of Biological Regulation, The Weizmann Institute - EGFR and HER2: an oncogenic alliance and targets for therapy; Ronit Satchi-Fainaro, Ph.D., Physiology-Pharmacology Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University - Targeting tumor angiogenics with combined polymer therapeutics; Doron Ginsberg, Ph.D., Faculty of Life Sciences, Bar-Ilan University - E2F1- mediated apoptosis and proliferation are modulated by DNA damage and microRNAs; Shai Izraeli, M.D., Ph.D., Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine and Sheba Medical Center; and Bat Sheva Kerem, Ph.D., The Alexander Silberman Institute of Life Sciences, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem - The molecular basis for chromosomal instability in early stages of cancer development.

Speakers from Scripps Florida and presentation titles: John L. Cleveland, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Cancer Biology- New therapeutic Strategies in Targets for Cancer Prevention and Treatment; Michael D. Conkright, Ph.D., Department of Cancer Biology; Jun-Li Luo, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Cancer Biology-The Role of Immune/Inflammatory Signaling in Tumor Progression and Therapy Resistance; Kendall Nettles, Ph.D., Department of Cancer Biology; and A. Donny Strosberg, Ph.D., Department of Infectology - New Drug Discovery, Hepatitis C and Hepatocellular Carcinoma.

More than 150 medical, surgical and radiation oncologists, physicians from other fields interested in this research and IP attorneys attended the Symposium. Honorary Chairman of Collaboration for a Cure was Margaret LaManna, M.D. and Co-Corporate sponsors were UBS Palm Beach Wealth Group and Daszkal Bolton LLP.

About Israel Cancer Association USA (ICAUSA)

Israel Cancer Association USA (ICA USA) is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization established in 1994 in Palm Beach, Florida. The main mission is to raise funds for fellowships that support cancer research conducted by brilliant scientists at 38 hospitals, universities and institutions in Israel for Israel Cancer Association (ICA). In addition to fellowships for finding cancer cures, fundraising efforts may also support other vital treatment/care projects operated by ICA throughout the country. ICA is the largest and oldest health-related organization in Israel. For information visit www.icausa.org or phone 561-832-9277.

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Established in its current configuration in 1961, it employs approximately 3,000 scientists, postdoctoral fellows, scientific and other technicians, doctoral degree graduate students, and administrative and technical support personnel. Scripps Research is headquartered in La Jolla, California. It also includes Scripps Florida, the Institute's first campus outside of California.

About Scripps Florida



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