ASGCT Announces 2014 Award Series for Contributions to the Field of Genetic and Cellular Therapy

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ASGCT is honored to recognize Dr. Luigi Naldini from the University Vita-Salute San Raffaele as the recipient of the 2014 Outstanding Achievement Award (OAA). The OAA recognizes an ASGCT Active Member who has achieved a pioneering research success, a specific high impact accomplishment, or a lifetime of significant scientific contributions to the fields of gene and/or cell therapy. Dr. Naldini will present a plenary lecture at the ASGCT 17th Annual Meeting on May 22nd.

Barbara Netter and Edward Netter (deceased) are the recipients of this year’s Distinguished Service Award. Both will be acknowledged on May 22nd during the ASGCT 17th Annual Meeting for their creation of the Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy (ACGT). Since its inception in 2001, the foundation has provided $25 million in funding to sponsor medical institutions and researchers dedicated to focusing genetic therapeutics for the treatment of Cancer.

The Outstanding New Investigator Awards are given in recognition of scientists conducting original research in basic science, technology development or clinical translation. Each of the following recipients will present a retrospective of his work on May 23rd during the ASGCT Annual Meeting:

- Brian Brown, PhD - Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
- Charles Gersbach, PhD – Duke University
- Scott Harper, PhD - Ohio State University & Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Daniel Powell, PhD - University of Pennsylvania

ASGCT congratulates each of its award winners and is appreciative for their continued contributions to the field of gene and cell therapy.

The American Society of Gene & Cell Therapy (ASGCT) is a professional nonprofit medical and scientific organization dedicated to the understanding, development and application of genetic and cellular therapies and the promotion of professional and public education in the field. For more information on ASGCT, visit its
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