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ASPHO Awards Recognize Trailblazers Improving Outcomes in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

PITTSBURGH: Awards recognizing individuals whose singular contributions significantly advance pediatric hematology/oncology were presented by the American Society for Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (ASPHO) at the 2022 ASPHO Conference May 4-7. “Celebrating this year’s honorees for their remarkable, game-changing contributions was the perfect way to reconnect the community after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic,” said 2020-22 ASPHO Board President Jorge Di Paola, MD. More than 1,150 scientific and medical specialists attended the conference in Pittsburgh and virtually as basic, clinical, and translational discoveries and recommendations were presented by 150 speakers in 31 sessions and 400 papers in oral and poster format.

Ching-Hon Pui, MD, of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, received the prestigious 2022 ASPHO Distinguished Career Award. Recognized as the world’s most consequential figure in childhood ALL research, Dr. Pui has played a critical and leading role in changing therapy for the most common childhood cancer. His efforts and challenging of assumptions resulted in improving the lives of thousands of children with cancer worldwide.

Internationally recognized expert and mentee advocate Ellis Neufeld, MD PhD, received ASPHO's 2022 George R. Buchanan Lectureship Award. Known for training multiple generations of pediatric hematologists/oncologists in laboratory, clinical, and research settings, the former ASPHO Board of Trustees member is currently Executive Vice President, Clinical Director, and Physician-in-Chief at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Clinical and laboratory investigator Yael P. Mossé, MD, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, received the Frank A. Oski Memorial Lectureship Award for cutting-edge research and forging links between basic biology and medicine as a pediatric oncologist. ASPHO is proud to partner with Northwestern Mutual Foundation for the 2022 Northwestern Mutual Childhood Cancer Survivorship Award for Excellence honoring Sogol Mostoufi-Moab, MD MSCE, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Additional awards include ASPHO's Young Investigator Award, Early Career and Advanced Practice Provider Travel Stipend Awards.

At its May meeting, the Society instituted new officers for the 2022 Board of Trustees term: President Douglas Graham, MD PhD, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta/Emory University; Vice President Caroline Hastings, MD, Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland; Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Hord, MD, Akron Children's Hospital; and Immediate Past President Jorge Di Paola, MD, Washington University in St. Louis and St. Louis Children's Hospital. New trustees Winston Huh, MD, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, and Michael Jeng, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine, were welcomed to the Board, and outgoing members, Patrick Leavey, MD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, and Betty Pace, MD, Augusta University, were recognized for their service and commitment to ASPHO and the field.

The American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (ASPHO) is the professional medical society of pediatric hematology/oncology subspecialists and other healthcare professionals dedicated to promoting the optimal care of children, adolescents and young adults with blood disorders and cancer. Founded in 1981, ASPHO serves over 1,900 members including physicians, researchers, advanced practice providers, and fellows in training by sponsoring educational and professional development programs, promoting discovery, advocating on behalf of its patient base and members, advancing professional practice and supporting partnerships to further its goals. For more information, visit www.aspho.org.

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