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2nd Annual World Ovarian Cancer Coalition Impact Award Recipients Announced

Toronto, Ontario, November 30, 2022 – With a formal ceremony set to take place on 1 December 2022 today the World Ovarian Cancer Coalition released the names of this year's recipients of the second annual World Ovarian Cancer Coalition Impact Awards.

Nine awards in 5 categories will be presented at the Coalition's Global Partner Meeting, being held virtually November 30th and December 1st. The winners, by category, are:

Inspiring Collaborations Award – this Award is in recognition of an organization collaborating and networking with other organizations to enhance each other's work and change the future of ovarian cancer. Recipients for this year are:

- Eva-Maria Strömsholm, Gynecological Cancerpatients of Finland
- Irish Network of Gynaecologic Oncology, Ireland
- Natalie Ritrovato, United Kingdom

Charter Champion Award – This category recognizes the exemplary efforts related to one or more of the Coalition's Global Ovarian Cancer Charter Global Goal areas: Global Priority, Best Possible Care, Family History, Information and Support, Data Improvement, and Rapid Diagnosis. Awards will be presented to:

- Hope for Heather, United States
- National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, United States
- Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, United States

The Every Woman Study™ Award – this Award is to recognize those that are demonstrating their use of the Every Woman Study™ to drive positive change for women within their own settings or country. The 2022 award goes to:

- Ovarian Cancer Malaysia

World Ovarian Cancer Day Award – This category acknowledges an exceptional contribution to the annual World Ovarian Cancer Day (May 8) Campaign, which in 2022 celebrated its 10th year and reached over 100 million people worldwide. The award for this year goes to:

- Dr. Deborah Harkness, United States

Outstanding Achievement Award – This final award recognizes the lifetime achievement of an individual or organization who has significantly impacted the ovarian cancer community through their work. The recipient of this well-deserved award is:

- Sandra Balboni, LOTO ODV, Italy

Elisabeth Baugh, past Chair and current Board Member of the Coalition, will emcee the ceremony, "It is so humbling to see the work of the international advocacy community as we work to change the future of ovarian cancer so no woman is

left behind, and it is my honour to be presenting the recipients with their much deserved awards.” Clara MacKay, CEO of the Coalition adds, “while COVID-19 has faded to a degree, continuing challenging in health care and the economy mean that our partner organizations are still facing enormous obstacles, and it is inspiring to see their dedication and resilience. As we said last year, we only wish we could present all the partner organizations we work with with awards as they are extremely deserving.”

The awards ceremony will be streamed on December 1st at 3:25pm UTC during the World Ovarian Cancer Coalition Partner Meeting. More information on the meeting and awards ceremony can be found here:
<https://worldovariancancercoalition.org/our-work/22-partner-meeting/>

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About the World Ovarian Cancer Coalition

The World Ovarian Cancer Coalition is a not-for-profit organization, formally established in 2016, working across the globe towards a world where every woman with ovarian cancer has the best chance of survival, and the best quality of life – wherever she may live.

The Coalition is a network of close to 200 patient advocacy organizations in 51 countries around the world, building on the significant impact of the annual flagship ovarian cancer awareness campaign – World Ovarian Cancer Day, started in 2013 and the ground-breaking Every Woman Study™ published in 2018. Building on the Study, the Coalition launched the Global Ovarian Cancer Charter at the International Gynecologic Cancer Society (IGCS) annual meeting in 2020. The Charter, a living document, pivots around six Global Goals and is a clear call-to-action for all those committed to improving survival and quality of life for women with ovarian cancer. In 2022 and in partnership with IGCS, the Coalition is undertaking the Every Woman Study™: Low- and Middle-Income Edition in over 25 countries, with initial results due late 2023.

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