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“CONQUER CANCER FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES INAUGURAL INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION GRANT RECIPIENTS”

Baltimore, Md. – Dr. Armando Sardi, MD, FACS, Founder of Fundación Para La Prevención y Tratamiento del Cáncer (FPPTC) is pleased to announce that FPPTC is one of four recipients of the 2014 “International Innovation Grants” by the Conquer Cancer Foundation of the American Society of Clinical Oncology located in Alexandria, Virginia, who has funded the award with the support of Thomas G. Roberts, Jr., MD and Susan M. DaSilva. FPPTC is supported by a sister organization, Partners For Cancer Care And Prevention (PFCCAP), from Baltimore Maryland. The other three recipients are:

- Chibuike Ogwuegbu Chigbu, MMBS, FWACS, University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, Ituku/Ozalla, Nigeria
- Bertha Tsingay Maegga, PhD, Tanzania Public Health Association, Tanzania
- Mya Thida, MBBS, University of Medicine 1, Myanmar

New this year to the Foundation’s portfolio of global research awards, the International Innovation Grant provides one-year grants of up to \$20,000 to nonprofit organizations and government agencies in low- and middle-income countries as categorized by the World Bank. It supports novel clinical approaches designed to improve cancer control on a local community level, while also being potentially applicable in similar low-resource settings elsewhere.

The International Innovation Grant is the newest in a number of ASCO International programs dedicated to fostering global collaboration to improve cancer care worldwide.

FPPTC will use the grant to fund a telehealth education intervention model to improve cervical cancer service provision and health outcomes in Colombia, South America. The first teleconference was held on Tuesday, February 25th and continues on a monthly basis.

Sardi expressed his appreciation, *“It is an honor for our organization to be selected for this grant. We have been able through the last 8 years to help the people of Cali, Colombia. This grant will allow us to extend the reach, the frequency and the quality of our program. At both U.S. and Colombian academic institutions we will be able to document and disseminate program activities to advance knowledge on a broader scale. We are gratefully to partner with The Conquer Cancer Foundation to help find ways to improve the system.”*

