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Inaugural World Ovarian Cancer Coalition Impact Award Winners Announced

Toronto, Ontario, September 21, 2021 – With a formal ceremony set to take place at the end of September, today the World Ovarian Cancer Coalition announced that OvaCare is among the list of this year’s recipients of the inaugural World Ovarian Cancer Coalition Impact Awards

Twelve awards in 5 categories will be handed out at the Coalition’s Global Partner Meeting, being held virtually September 30 and October 1st. OvaCare in Ireland is being recognized in the World Ovarian Cancer Day category for continually demonstrating a significant commitment to raising awareness as well as building a strong and collaborative effort in the fight against ovarian cancer in Ireland. Year over year, OvaCare has actively engaged with other patient advocacy organizations, patients, researchers and clinicians to form the Irish Network for Gynaecological Oncology. As a result of their efforts, they have a national programme of awareness events that include lighting up buildings in teal, webinars and conferences.

Sharon O’Toole, Chair of OvaCare, scientist in Trinity College Dublin and coordinator of the Irish Network for Gynaecological Oncology outlined her pleasure in receiving this award “I am humbled to accept this award on behalf of OvaCare and our wider network whose collaborative efforts have made World Ovarian Cancer Day a real success in Ireland. We are truly grateful to the World Ovarian Cancer Coalition for their continuous support and for this recognition on the International stage”.

The complete list of Impact Award winners, by category, are:

Charter Champion Award – This category recognizes the exemplary efforts related to the 6 goals of the Global Ovarian Cancer Charter, which was released last year at the International Gynecologic Cancer Society Annual Meeting. All the winners in this category have already established themselves as Charter Champions.

- The Clarity Foundation, United States
- Eierstockkrebs Deutschland e.V., Germany
- The Dempsey Center, United States
- Ovarian Cancer Australia
- Target Ovarian Cancer, United Kingdom
- Kolkata Gynaecological Oncology Trials and Translational Group (KolGOTrg), India



World Ovarian Day Award – This category acknowledges contributions to the annual World Ovarian Cancer Day (May 8) Campaign. The winners for 2021 are:

- Ovacare, Ireland
- Cure Our Ovarian Cancer, New Zealand
- Loto Onlus, Italy

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

- Ovarian Cancer Canada

Transformational Research Award - For individual researchers who have demonstrated, through their work, a long-standing commitment to furthering progress in the understanding of ovarian cancer and approaches that have potential to benefit women impacted by the disease. The 2021 award goes to:

- Dr. Garth Funston, United Kingdom

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 inaugural recipient, who was instrumental in founding World Ovarian Cancer Day and the World Ovarian Cancer Coalition is:

- Elisabeth Baugh, outgoing Chair, World Ovarian Cancer Coalition; Ovarian Cancer Canada

Robin Cohen, incoming Vice Chair of the Coalition, CEO of the Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation, and emcee for the ceremony, explains her excitement, “the past two years have been so challenging for us all, so what better time to acknowledge the amazing work of the global advocacy community”. Clara MacKay, CEO of the Coalition adds, “despite the enormous obstacles, our community has shown that we are resilient, adaptable, and 100% dedicated to supporting those impacted by a diagnosis of ovarian cancer – we only wish we could give everyone an award this year as all of our partner organizations are so truly deserving.” The awards ceremony will be streamed on October 1st during the World Ovarian Cancer Coalition Partner Meeting. More information on the meeting can be found here: <https://worldovariancancercoalition.org/partner-meeting/>



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About the World Ovarian Cancer Coalition

Established in 2016, the Coalition is a not-for-profit organization with 145 patient advocacy organization members in 37 countries working to reduce the impact that ovarian cancer has on the lives of women and their loved ones. More information can be found on www.worldovariancancercoalition.org

About OvaCare

OvaCare is an ovarian cancer charity that provides support and advocacy for patients and families impacted by ovarian cancer. Our mission is to elevate awareness, accelerate diagnosis and educate women affected by ovarian cancer within Ireland, to source and share knowledge of developments in global research and best practice with the OvaCare community and to provide support and advocacy through OvaCare’s dedicated support networks. More information can be found on www.ovacare.ie

About Irish Network for Gynaecological Oncology

The Irish Network for Gynaecological Oncology is comprised of over 30 of Ireland’s foremost gynaecological cancer campaigners, researchers and patient advocates.



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