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## **DR. ISAIAH J. FIDLER TO RECEIVE 2009 iSBTc RICHARD V. SMALLEY, MD MEMORIAL AWARD**

MILWAUKEE--- In recognition of his outstanding research, work and achievements in cancer therapy, the International Society for Biological Therapy of Cancer (iSBTc) presents the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual *Richard V. Smalley, MD, Memorial Award* to **Isaiah J. Fidler, DVM, PhD** of the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

The *Richard V. Smalley, MD, Memorial Award* named in memory of Dr. Smalley's many achievements, both professionally and personally serves as recognition of excellence in the field of therapeutic research with biological agents and is accompanied by an honorarium of \$5,000. In association with this award, Dr. Fidler will present a Keynote Address at the iSBTc 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 29 from 8:00 am - 8:45 am in the Potomac C Ballroom of the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD (Washington, D.C.).

Dr. Isaiah Fidler, a native of Jerusalem, Israel, earned his veterinary medicine degree in 1963 from Oklahoma State University, and his doctorate in human pathology from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1970. After serving as an Assistant and then Associate Professor of Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Fidler was named head of the Biology of Metastasis Section at the National Cancer Institute's Frederick Cancer Research Facility in Maryland in 1975. Four years later, he was appointed Director of the Cancer Metastasis and Treatment Laboratory. In 1983, Dr. Fidler joined the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Cell Biology and Director of the Program of Interferon Research; and in 1998, he was named Director of the Cancer Metastasis Research Center. In June, 2008, Dr. Fidler retired as Department Chair, but continues as Director of the CMRC.

Research in Dr. Fidler's laboratory continues to primarily focus on the biology and therapy of cancer metastasis. Additionally, recent laboratory work has included the study of angiogenesis and the development and progression of brain metastasis.

Dr. Fidler is the past President of the American Association for Cancer Research, the past President of the International Society of Differentiation, and he holds memberships in numerous professional organizations. He is the Founding Editor of *Cancer and Metastasis Reviews* and serves on the editorial boards of several scientific journals. He has authored or co-authored more than 794 scientific publications. Throughout his career, Dr. Fidler has been honored and recognized for his pioneering work in the field of metastasis, receiving numerous awards from national and international organizations. He is considered the premier expert in the field of cancer metastasis research.

Dr. Isaiah J. Fidler is the R. E. "Bob" Smith Distinguished Chair in Cell Biology, Professor, Department of Cancer Biology and Department of Urology, and Director, Cancer Metastasis Research Center, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, in Houston, Texas.

As one of the Society's charter members, Dr. Richard V. Smalley was an integral part of the iSBTc fabric from its inception in 1984. Dr. Smalley served on the original Board of Directors from 1984 - 90, where he served as the Society's third President from 1988 - 90, leading the Society through some of its most formative years. In 1994 - 98 while serving as iSBTc Treasurer, the environment for biological therapy began to change and the Society faced many challenges. During this time Dr. Smalley again

showed inspirational devotion by accepting these challenges and administering the Society from his own home and nurturing its continued growth. iSBTc's success is due, in large part, to the consummate dedication and leadership of Dr. Richard Smalley.

Richard Vincent Smalley was born in New York City on June 21, 1932, and grew up in Larchmont, NY. He graduated from Hamilton College in 1953 and Temple University School of Medicine in 1957. After serving as a lieutenant in the United States Navy, he completed his residency at Temple University Hospital and his fellowship at Ohio State University.

Dr. Smalley was Professor of Medicine and Head of the Section of Medical Oncology at Temple University until 1981. He served as Branch Chief of the Biological Response Modifiers Program at the National Cancer Institute from 1982-84. He joined the Department of Human Oncology at the University of Wisconsin Cancer Center (1984-91) prior to starting his own cancer clinical trials management company, Synertron, Inc. A seven-year survivor of chronic lymphocytic leukemia, Dr. Smalley died of an unrelated brain tumor at his home in Edgewater, MD, on January 17, 2004 at the age of 71.

Founded in 1984, the International Society for Biological Therapy of Cancer (iSBTc) is an organization of clinicians, researchers, students, post-doctoral fellows, and allied health professionals dedicated to improving cancer patient outcomes by advancing the development and application of biological therapy through interaction, innovation and leadership.

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