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FOREMOST MYELOMA ORGANIZATION TO HONOR DR. BART BARLOGIE

Cancer Research Pioneer is Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

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The International Myeloma Foundation (IMF) will honor world-renowned physician and researcher Bart Barlogie, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the Myeloma Institute for Research Therapy (MIRT) at the Arkansas Cancer Research Center, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). Dr. Barlogie, a professor of Medicine and Pathology in the UAMS College of Medicine, will receive the 2004 Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his 20-year career pioneering innovation in multiple myeloma treatment. During a ceremony on May 8, 2004, the IMF will present the award at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas.

One of the world's leading myeloma researchers, Dr. Barlogie has made a tremendous impact on patient treatment and care. "Not only is Dr. Barlogie an expert in cancer immunology, he is a dedicated physician and champion in the fight against myeloma," said Susie Novis, IMF President. She continued, "The IMF is giving this award to recognize his tireless work to significantly improve care, treatment and prognosis for many myeloma patients."

Due to Dr. Barlogie's efforts in research innovations, MIRT is one of the leading myeloma treatment centers worldwide. "At the Institute, we treat more patients than any other myeloma facility. It is my privilege to work with our team to research treatments and develop state-of-the-art therapies for myeloma patients," said Dr. Barlogie. "I am very honored to accept this award, and I do so on behalf of our team at the University and in honor of our myeloma patients."

The IMF's Robert A. Kyle Lifetime Achievement Award was established to honor an individual whose lifetime body of work furthers the ultimate goal of finding a cure for myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow. The accolade is named after Dr. Robert A. Kyle, noted physician and founder of the Myeloma and Related Diseases Research Group at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

The IMF (www.myeloma.org) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to finding effective treatments and a cure for myeloma. Founded in 1990, the IMF is governed by a Board of Directors and guided by a Scientific Advisory Board. It funds research, promotes education, and fosters support and advocacy initiatives for 100,000 members in 106 countries.

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