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The National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) reveals winners of its first Excellence Awards to celebrate 15th years of NCRI Cancer Conference

London, UK: The NCRI has revealed the winners of its first Excellence Awards:

- Collaboration Award: Paediatric Adolescent Wildtype & Syndromic-Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumour (PAWS-GIST) Alliance nominated by Jayne Bressington
- Impact Award: Paul Pharoah at the Department of Cancer Epidemiology, University of Cambridge and Jem Rashbass, Public Health England nominated by Alexandra Freeman
- Innovation Award: Mathew Garnett, Translational Cancer Genomics Group Leader, Wellcome Sanger Institute nominated by Alexandra Bonner
- Outstanding Contribution to the NCRI Award: Richard Stephens, Former Chair of the NCRI Consumer Forum nominated by Emma Kinloch, Roger Wilson, Terry Kavanagh and Yuki Alencar.

The Awards have been created to celebrate the 15th year anniversary of the NCRI Cancer Conference and are directly linked to the key strategic objectives of the partnership, which aims to accelerate progress in cancer research through collaboration.

“We are delighted to recognise and honour the achievements made by these individuals and teams who have worked effortlessly in the community to help accelerate progress in cancer research for the benefit of patients and society” said Dr Iain Frame, CEO of NCRI.

The nominations were reviewed and shortlisted by an independent panel with representatives of the NCRI Partners and the NCRI Cancer Conference Scientific Committee. Dr Frame continued: “We received many high-quality submissions and the panel had a tough decision to make but they felt the shortlisted entries matched all criteria, often surpassing expectations”.

The Awards will be presented on Monday 4th November at the NCRI Cancer Conference taking place in Glasgow at the Scottish Event Campus. Registration for the Conference is still available on conference.ncri.org.uk.

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About the NCRI Cancer Conference

The NCRI Cancer Conference is the UK's largest forum showcasing the latest advances in cancer research. The Conference provides a platform for researchers, clinicians, people affected by cancer and industry representatives to come together to discuss, present and showcase high-quality research. Informative and interactive educational sessions attract about 1,500 delegates each year and create the ideal setting to establish new collaborations with key stakeholders in cancer research.

The NCRI Cancer Conference is taking place from 3-5 November 2019 at the Scottish Event Campus, Glasgow, UK.

For more information visit <https://conference.ncri.org.uk/>

About the NCRI

The National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) is a UK-wide partnership of cancer research funders, established in 2001. Its 17 member organisations work together to accelerate progress in cancer-related research through collaboration, to improve health and quality of life.

NCRI works to coordinate research related to cancer, to improve the quality and relevance of research and to accelerate translation of research into clinical practice for the benefit of patients.

NCRI Partners are: Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC); Bloodwise; Brain Tumour Research; Breast Cancer Now; Cancer Research UK; Children with Cancer UK; Department of Health and Social Care; Macmillan Cancer Support; Marie Curie; Medical Research Council (MRC); Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Public Health Agency (Research & Development Department); Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund; Prostate Cancer UK; Scottish Government Health Directorates (Chief Scientist Office); Tenovus Cancer Care; The Wellcome Trust and Welsh Assembly Government (Health and Care Research Wales).

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