



## **The American-Italian Cancer Foundation Celebrates 42nd Anniversary; Honors Dr. Giovanni Caforio, Retired Board Chair and CEO of Bristol Myers Squibb**

**NEW YORK (November 12, 2024)** – The American-Italian Cancer Foundation (AICF) is proud to present the Alessandro di Montezemolo Lifetime Achievement Award to Giovanni Caforio, MD, retired Board Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Bristol Myers Squibb, in recognition of his remarkable contributions to the pharmaceutical industry.

The award ceremony will take place during AICF's Benefit Dinner & Auctions on November 12, 2024 at the prestigious Pierre Hotel in New York City. AICF, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cancer research and early detection, funds postdoctoral fellowships for talented Italian scientists conducting research in the United States. Additionally, the foundation provides no-cost mammograms to medically underserved women in New York City. Since its inception in 1980, AICF has awarded over 550 postdoctoral fellowships and has provided more than 124,000 women with no-cost mammograms, clinical breast exams, and educational services.

The evening will also honor recipients of the Prize for Scientific Excellence in Medicine, awarded to two exceptional researchers who have made groundbreaking contributions to cancer biology, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment. This year's awardees are:

- **Giulio F. Draetta, MD, PhD**  
Chief Scientific Officer, NCI Cancer Center Director  
Professor of Genomic Medicine  
Sewell Family Distinguished University Chair  
The University of Texas MD Anderson
- **Laura Esserman, MD, MBA**  
Director, UCSF Breast Care Center  
Alfred A. de Lorimier Endowed Chair in General Surgery  
Professor of Surgery and Radiology  
University of California, San Francisco

Additionally, **Gabriella Pravettoni, PhD**, Full Professor of Cognitive Psychology at the University of Milan and Director of the Division of Psychoncology at the European Institute of Oncology, will receive a Special Recognition Award for her unwavering commitment to supporting cancer patients and their families.

The evening will feature live and silent auctions showcasing exclusive items generously donated by leading Italian companies, including Borgo Egnazia, Bulgari, Citterio, De Cecco, Dolce & Gabbana, Ferragamo, Ferrero, Grand Hotel Quisisana, Hotel Hassler, Max Mara, and Tod's.

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The American-Italian Cancer Foundation supports cancer research, education, and control, emphasizing the outstanding resources of Italy and the United States, recognizing world-class scientific excellence in medicine, and serving economically disadvantaged, medically underserved women in New York City through breast cancer screening, outreach, and education. [www.americanitaliancancer.org](http://www.americanitaliancancer.org)

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