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# ICPO Foundation presents its first Maurits W. Geerlings Actinium-225 Next Generation Award to Dr. Madhav Yadav from AIIMS, India at the 6<sup>th</sup> Theranostics World Congress (TWC)

**Wiesbaden, Germany, June 28, 2022.** The International Centers for Precision Oncology (ICPO) Foundation is pleased to announce that its first Maurits W. Geerlings Next Generation Award presentation for Outstanding Research and Contributions to Actinium-225 Radiopharmaceuticals took place on Friday, June 24 during the 6<sup>th</sup> TWC in Wiesbaden, Germany (Congress President: Professor Dr. Richard P. Baum).

Named after the great Dutch scientist and visionary Dr. Maurits W. Geerlings who had initiated and pioneered alpha-emitter Actinium-225 research applied to cancer therapy three decades ago, and who was personally present during the Award Ceremony at Abby Eberbach, this ICPO Award honors today both Dr. Geerlings' pioneering achievements and next generation investigators carrying the ball forward, who have performed groundbreaking work in their research in Actinium-225 related sciences extending to Theranostics and Actinium-225 production.

The Award Committee was composed of renowned experts from the field of Radiomolecular Precision Oncology and chaired by Professor Dr. Mike Sathekge, Head of Nuclear Medicine at the University of Pretoria and Steve Biko Academic Hospital, South Africa, and also current President of the World Association of Radiopharmaceutical and Molecular Therapy (WARMTM). From the group of excellent applicants, the Committee chose Dr. Madhav Yadav from the Department of Nuclear Medicine and Therapeutics at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi, India.

*"On behalf of the ICPO Foundation, we are very happy with this award to build a bridge between Dr. Geerlings visionary achievement of identifying Actinium-225 as an ideal alpha-emitter for targeted cancer therapy and subsequently producing first quantities which are still critical to today's research, and the next generation of gifted young scientists bringing Actinium-225 to growing numbers of patients and indications now",* commented Mr. Oliver Buck, Member of the ICPO Board of Trustees and Chairman of the ICPO Board of Curators. *"This year we are delighted that Dr. Madhav Yadav, an accomplished next generation scientist with an excellent track record in Theranostics and contributions to the clinical implementation of Actinium-225 in neuroendocrine and prostate cancer therapy, has received this recognition."*

The Maurits W. Geerlings Next Generation Award is an annual prize and is endowed with EUR 5,000. The winner is invited to deliver a lecture on their research that will be made available to the TWC international audience as well as widely to the general public. Promoting leading Theranostics research, science and innovation is at the core of the ICPO Foundation mission.

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## About Targeted Molecular Precision Oncology

Targeted Molecular Precision Oncology follows the multidisciplinary approach to diagnosis and treatment of cancer, whereas the cancer patient is considered as an individual who should be provided with targeted therapies, based on their unique biology and their disease. Precision Oncology utilizes molecular profiling of tumors to identify targetable alterations. The aim is to determine the most favorable therapy for an individual patient in order to improve quality of life as well as treatment results.

## About ICPO

The International Centers for Precision Oncology Foundation (ICPO) is a German non-profit organization established in 2019 by leading medical and industry entrepreneurs. Recognizing a paradigm shift in cancer care from one size fits all to a personalized approach, the ICPO is helping build momentum to scale global patient access to Molecularly Targeted Precision Oncology to accommodate this shift. To scale patient access, ICPO aims to develop a network of International Centers for Precision Oncology organized in a Social Franchise model based on shared know-how, certified education, and design and process standardization enabling best clinical practice valid globally. Furthermore, the ICPO Foundation empowers its Centers network within a highly inclusive Community spearheading its model and living up to the Precision Oncology promise to be curative and abundant to all patients in need, irrespectively of region, country, or social status.

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