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## National Lymphedema Network Announces Keynote Speakers at 2016 International Conference: Stanley Rockson, MD and Amy Santiago, Mrs. Central Florida International

BERKELEY, CA. The National Lymphedema Network (NLN) is pleased to announce Stanley G. Rockson, MD, prominent lymphology researcher, Stanford University Medical Center, and Amy Santiago, Mrs. Central Florida International and global lymphedema ambassador as the keynote speakers at its 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on August 31-September 4, in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Stanley G. Rockson, Allan and Tina Neill Professor of Lymphatic Research and Medicine and Director, Chief of Consultative Cardiology, Falk Cardiovascular Research Center, Stanford University Medical Center, is an internationally renowned scholar, researcher, and clinician in the fields of vascular and lymphatic systems. He is the author, co-author, and editor of 6 books, 33 book chapters, and 166 scholarly articles. As Editor-in-Chief of *Lymphatic Research and Biology*, he has overseen 14 volumes of leading peer-reviewed research from a broad range of investigative disciplines, including genetics, biochemistry and biophysics, cellular and molecular biology, physiology and pharmacology, anatomy, developmental biology, and pathology. Dr. Rockson will deliver his opening Keynote speech at the conference on Thursday, September 1.

Amy Santiago is a primary lymphedema patient and NLN Lymphedema Ambassador and Lymph Science Advocacy Program graduate. She has shared her story to inspire many others nationally and internationally as they find ways to live with lymphedema. Amy's speech, *Voice of Significance* will accompany the conference's keynote luncheon on Saturday, September 3.

"Together, both Dr. Rockson and Ms. Santiago will highlight the combined basic science, clinical research, and translational objectives of the 2016 NLN program" said Dr. Eva Sevic-Muraca, Program Co-Director and NLN Board Member. "Dr. Rockson's presentation highlights the meeting's objectives to update our community with the most recent advances in the diagnostics and treatment of lymphedema as well as the scientific underpinnings of the "why" and "how" lymphatics dysfunction in the first place. Ms. Santiago's presentation exemplifies the need to use this information to promote patient and clinician awareness that can help shape policies to impact health care delivery to all patients with chronic conditions that involve the lymphatics."

The 2016 NLN International Conference will bring together leading researchers, educators, and clinicians from around the world to share their current, cutting-edge innovations, developments, and techniques in the field of lymphology. Eligible attendees of the 2016 NLN International Conference will receive AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. April 4 is the deadline for submission of abstracts on topics concerning the lymphatic system and related disorders. Advantageous early bird registration rates are good through April 4. Please see [www.lymphnet.org](http://www.lymphnet.org) for abstract submission guidelines and early bird registration.

The National Lymphedema Network was founded in 1988 with the mission of creating awareness of lymphedema through education and promoting and supporting the availability of quality medical treatment for all individuals at risk for or affected by lymphedema. For more information about lymphedema, contact the NLN at 1.800.541.3259 or visit our website at [www.lymphnet.org](http://www.lymphnet.org). The NLN's 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference: Shaping the Future Through Commitment, Evidence, and New Frontiers, will take place in Dallas, Texas, August 31 – September 12, 2016. See [www.lymphnet.org](http://www.lymphnet.org) for program and registration information.

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