

ISHLT Pioneer Award

2009 Recipient – Christian Cabrol, MD



Christian Cabrol, MD, was honored with the 2009 Pioneer Award at the ISHLT 29th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions in Paris, France.

As a junior thoracic surgeon, Dr. Cabrol was sent from Paris to Minneapolis to learn open heart surgery from Professor C. Walton Lillehei. His fellowship class included Dr. Norman Shumway and Dr. Christiaan Barnard.

In 1968, Dr. Cabrol performed the first heart transplant in Europe and in 1982, he performed the first heart lung transplant in Europe. In 1986, he performed the first Jarvik total artificial heart (TAH) implant in Europe. As time passed, his surgical team together contributed to the total of over 200 TAHs implanted at La Pitié, making it the world leader.

He was active in the ISHLT from the very beginning and was elected the 7th President of the Society from 1991 to 1992.

Christian Cabrol, MD, receives the ISHLT Pioneer Award on April 23, 2009. Pictured: ISHLT President Mandeep Mehra, MD, Christian Cabrol, MD, and ISHLT 2009 Program Chair Randall Starling.

