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**ITVS Film *The English Surgeon* Nabs An Emmy
at the 31st Annual News and Documentary Emmy® Awards**

***The Film Captures One Doctor's Commitment
to Bring Hope to a Desperate People***

San Francisco, (CA)—The Independent Television Service (ITVS) announced today that *The English Surgeon*, by director Geoffrey Smith, has won an Emmy® in the Outstanding Science and Technology Programming category. An ITVS International production, this is the story of acclaimed British neurosurgeon Henry Marsh, who has traveled to Ukraine for 15 years to treat patients who have been left to die; of his friend and medical colleague in Kyiv who carries on the fight despite official hostility and archaic surgical conditions; and of a young patient who hopes that Henry can save his life. Tense, heartbreaking, and humorous, *The English Surgeon* is a depiction of one doctor's commitment to relieving suffering and the emotional turmoil he undergoes in bringing hope to a desperate people. *The English Surgeon* is an Eyeline Films and Bungalow Town production for BBC and ITVS International. The program aired on the *P.O.V* series in 2009.

“*The English Surgeon* is an exceptional film about an extraordinary man who is deeply committed to a people who have been forgotten. The film is breathtaking and inspiring, and it deserves such a prestigious honor,” said ITVS CEO and President Sally Jo Fifer.

Since 1997, ITVS-funded projects have garnered 14 wins at the News and Documentary Emmys®. A complete list of the 31st Annual News & Documentary Emmy Award recipients is available on the Academy's website at www.emmyonline.tv.

About ITVS

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