

## IFCC Announces the Winners of the 2014 IFCC Distinguished Awards

Milan, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 - IFCC, the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide, announced the names of the winners of the seven 2014 IFCC Distinguished Awards.

**Doctor Matthew MCQUEEN**, Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada, is the winner of the **2014 IFCC Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award**, sponsored by Beckman Coulter. This award recognizes specifically an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the science of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine or the application of Clinical Chemistry to the understanding or the solution of medical problems.

**Doctor Robert DUFOUR**, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service, Veterans' Affairs Medical Center, Washington DC - US, is the winner of the **2014 IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Services**. This award, sponsored by Siemens, recognizes specifically an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine throughout the world.

**Doctor Carl BURTIS**, Oak Ridge National Lab, Oak Ridge, TN - US, is the winner of the **2014 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education**. This award, sponsored by Abbott Diagnostics, recognizes specifically an individual who has made extraordinary contributions in establishing and developing educational materials for the Clinical Chemistry discipline to improve training and educational programs worldwide or in a region.

**Doctor Francis BARANY**, Dept. of Microbiology & Immunology, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York - US, is the winner of the **2014 IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics**. This award, sponsored by Abbott Molecular, recognizes specifically an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of molecular biology and its applications in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide.

**Professor Mario PLEBANI**, Laboratory Medicine, Padua University, Padua, Italy, is the winner of the **2014 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care**. This award, sponsored by Unilabs, recognizes specifically an individual who has made unique contributions in Laboratory Medicine, its application in improving patient care, and having a worldwide impact in clinical medicine.

**Doctor Gregory W. MILLER**, Clinical Support Center, Virginia Commonwealth Univ. Medical Center, Richmond VA - US, is the winner of the **2014 IFCC-Robert Schaffer Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Development of Standards for Use in Laboratory Medicine**. This award, co-sponsored by NIST and CLSI, recognizes specifically an individual who has made outstanding and unique contributions to the advancement of reference methods and/or reference materials for laboratory medicine to facilitate improved quality of clinical diagnostics and therapies, which would in turn lead to reduced costs and improved patient care.

**Doctor Geoffrey BAIRD**, Department of Laboratory Medicine, University of Washington - US, is the winner of the **2014 IFCC Young Investigator Award**, sponsored by IFCC. This award recognizes and encourages the

academic and professional development of a young investigator (under 40 years of age) who has demonstrated exceptional scientific achievements in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in his/her career.

**Prof. Howard Morris, Chairman IFCC Awards Committee**, said: “We are delighted in electing these colleagues for the 2014 IFCC Awards. The Awards Committee had a very hard task selecting the Awardees among the excellent candidates that were submitted by the various National Societies and Institutions. It has been a privilege considering them and we are sure that the Awardees will inspire a new generation of clinician-scientists worldwide”.

The Awards will be officially announced on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June during the Opening Ceremony of the 22<sup>nd</sup> IFCC International Congress in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, to be held in Istanbul from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

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## **ABOUT IFCC**

The International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (IFCC) is the leading worldwide, non-political organization for clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine. As such it has a range of roles that include (1) global standard setting in collaboration with other international organizations, (2) supporting its members through scientific and educational endeavour, and (3) providing a series of congresses, conferences and focussed meetings in order for laboratory medicine specialists to meet and present original findings and best practice. Through leadership and innovation in science and education, IFCC strives to enhance the scientific level and the quality of diagnosis and therapy for patients throughout the world. IFCC builds on the professionalism of its members to provide quality services to patients. IFCC is a Federation of 87 Full Member national societies of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine representing about 45.000 individual clinical chemists, laboratory scientists, and laboratory physicians and 51 Corporate Members covering the main areas of clinical laboratory developments. Visit: [www.ifcc.org](http://www.ifcc.org)

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