

Foreword of the editor

Editor in Chief: Gábor L. Kovács, MD, PhD, DSc

This themed issue of the journal is focused around the impact of laboratory medicine on clinical management and patient outcomes. Mr. Mike Hallworth (UK) was asked to guest edit the issue. Mike Hallworth MA MSc MCB FRCPath has recently retired from the post of Consultant Clinical Scientist to the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, based at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, UK. He is a past President of the European Communities Confederation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM) and past Chairman of the UK Association for Clinical Biochemistry. Mike was awarded the

UK Healthcare Scientist of the Year Award in November 2008 by the UK Chief Scientific Officer, Professor Sue Hill, and was the 2011 winner of the EFCC-Roche European Scientific Award for Laboratory Medicine. He has been vice-Chair and Chair of the AACC's Annual Meeting Organizing Committee (in 2007 and 2010, respectively), and is the Chair of the IFCC Task Force on the impact of laboratory medicine on clinical management and outcomes. He is Co-Editor-in-Chief of a new journal, Practical Laboratory Medicine (Elsevier). Mr. Hallworth invited a number of internationally renowned laboratory scientists to discuss the topic.