

Doctor Sandra QUIJANO selected to receive the 2020 IFCC Distinguished Women Scientist Award for Contribution to In Vitro Diagnostics

Milan, 24 April 2020 - The IFCC, the international leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, is pleased to announce that **Dr. Sandra QUIJANO** (Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Sciences Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá - Colombia), has been selected to receive the 2020 IFCC Distinguished Women Scientist Award For Contribution To In Vitro Diagnostics, sponsored by Yashraj Biotechnology Ltd. This award recognizes a woman who has made significant contributions to the development or utilization of In Vitro Diagnostics with emphasis on applications in primary healthcare. The award will be presented for the first time on occasion of the WorldLab Congress to be held in Seoul in 2021.

The IFCC is very pleased to acknowledge the support from Yashraj Biotechnology Ltd in the recognition of scientists and educators with a distinguished career in this area.

Dr. Quijano is a Bacteriologist graduated from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Bogotá-Colombia, with a Master's Degree in Microbiology from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Bogotá-Colombia, Master in Cellular and Molecular Oncology from the National Center for Oncology Research CNIO Madrid-Spain and Doctor in Biology and Cancer Clinic from the University of Salamanca, Salamanca-Spain. Sandra worked for 10 years in the Immunology Group of the National Cancer Institute in Bogotá, and with her work group pioneered the immunophenotypic study of leukemia and lymphomas by immunohistochemistry in samples of bone marrow, peripheral blood and lymph nodes of patients with these diseases and in the study of leukemia by flow cytometry, giving way to the first developments of the immunophenotyping of hematological tumors in Colombia.

Prof. Maurizio FERRARI, IFCC President and Chair IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in selecting **Dr. Sandra Quijano** for the **IFCC Distinguished Women Scientist Award for Contribution to In Vitro Diagnostics**. She has a remarkable career in the field of clinical chemistry and

laboratory medicine, and she is an example for the new generations of laboratory professionals because of her determination, resilience and perseverance in achieving their goals. I really believe that **Dr Quijano** is a most worthy recipient of the IFCC Distinguished Women Scientist Award For Contribution To In Vitro Diagnostics”.

The 2020 IFCC Awardees are a witness of the contribution that IFCC gives to advancement of excellence in laboratory medicine for better healthcare worldwide. **Doctor Quijano**, along with nine other IFCC Distinguished Award winners will be formally announced on Wednesday 6th January 2021 at the Opening Ceremony of the 24th WorldLab - IFCC International Congress in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine to be held in Seoul (South Korea) from 6th to 10th January 2021.

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