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To National Representatives and Presidents and Corporate Representatives

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

It gives us great pleasure to announce the winners of the 2008 IFCC awards who will receive them this September at the ICC in Fortaleza:

2008 IFCC DISTINGUISHED CLINICAL CHEMIST AWARD

Sponsor: Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Inc.

Professor Donald S. Young, MD, PhD
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Founders Pavilion, Rm. 7046
3400 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Professor Donald S Young, MD, PhD has been selected to receive the 2008 IFCC/Siemens Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award. 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. Professor Young has had a distinguished career as a scientist, clinical laboratorian and educator and his contributions in service to our profession are legendary. He is recognized especially for his excellent series of "Young's Effects" which emphasize the importance of the effects of drugs, disease and pre-analytical effects on laboratory tests.

2008 IFCC WISHINSKY AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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Dr. David Burnett, OBE, BSc, PhD, FRCPath
Consultant in Quality and Accreditation Systems,
Lindens Lodge, Bradford Place, Penarth
CF64 1LA, UK

Dr. David Burnett, OBE, PhD, FRCPath has been selected to receive the 2008 IFCC/Siemens Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Service. This award honours an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine throughout the world. Professor Burnett's contributions in furthering the practice of clinical chemistry worldwide are legendary especially his efforts in establishing proficiency testing and accreditations schemes that are used by clinical laboratories worldwide.

2008 IFCC AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATION

Sponsor: Beckman Coulter, Inc

Professor Norbert W. Tietz, PhD
7472 Caminito Rialto
La Jolla, CA 92037

Professor Norbert W.Tietz, PhD has been selected to receive the 2008 IFCC/Beckman Coulter Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education. This award honours an individual who has made extraordinary contributions in establishing and developing educational material for our discipline to improve training and educational programs world-wide or in a region. Professor Tietz's contributions in educating and furthering the careers of clinical chemists, laboratorians, and pathologists are very well known and his textbooks are renowned internationally.

IFCC-ABBOTT MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS AWARD FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS

Sponsor: Abbott Laboratories

Professor Olli Kallioniemi, MD, PhD

FIMM – Institute for Molecular Medicine Finland
University of Helsinki, Biomedicum, Haartmaninkatu 8,
FI-00290 Helsinki, Finland

Professor Olli Kallioniemi, MD, PhD has been selected to receive the 2008 IFCC-Abbott Molecular Diagnostics Award for Significant Contributions to Molecular Diagnostics. This award has been created to honour an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of Molecular Biology and its application in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine throughout the world.

IFCC-ORTHO DISTINGUISHED AWARD FOR LABORATORY MEDICINE AND PATIENT CARE

Sponsor: Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Inc

Professor Christopher W K Lam, MD, PhD

Chairman and Chief of Service
Department of Chemical Pathology
The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Shatin, Hong Kong

Professor Christopher Lam, MD, PhD has been selected to receive the first IFCC/Ortho Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care. This is a new award that recognizes an individual who has made unique contributions in Laboratory Medicine, its application in improving patient care and having a world-wide impact in clinical medicine. Professor Lam has had a distinguished career as a clinician, scientist and educator and his contributions to the profession of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine are recognized worldwide.

IFCC/NIST/CLSI ROBERT SCHAFFER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS FOR USE IN LABORATORY MEDICINE

Sponsors: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI)

Professor Lothar Siekmann, PhD, Dipl-Chem

University of Bonn
Sigmund-Freud Str 25
Bonn, GERMANY

Professor Lothar Siekmann, PhD has been selected to receive the first IFCC/NIST/CLSI Robert Schaffer Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Development of Standards for Use in Laboratory Medicine. This is a new award that honours an individual who has made unique contributions to the advancement of reference methods and/or reference materials for laboratory medicine, thereby (1) improving the quality of clinical diagnostics and therapies, (2) reducing costs of patient care, and (3) promoting internationally recognized and accepted equivalence of measurements and traceability to appropriate measurement standards. Professor Siekmann has dedicated his career to the application of reference methodology for use in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine.

We also take this opportunity to thank the members of the IFCC Awards Committee for their thoroughness and hard work in selecting the 2008 winners. Because of the high number of excellent candidates their job was not an easy one but one that they executed with a high degree of responsibility and integrity.

We also much appreciate all the excellent nominations that some of you submitted.

Respectfully Yours,



Professor Jocelyn Hicks, PhD, FRCPath,
President, IFCC



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Chair, Awards Committee