

Doctor Jocelyn HICKS selected to receive the 2017 IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Service

Milan, 28 April 2017 - The IFCC, the international leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, is pleased to announce that **Dr Jocelyn HICKS** (Professor Emeritus of Paediatrics and Pathology at The George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC, US), **is the winner of the 2017 IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Service, sponsored by Siemens.** This award honours an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine throughout the world. The IFCC is very pleased to acknowledge the support from Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics in the recognition of scientists and educators with a distinguished career in this area.

Throughout her distinguished career **Dr. Hicks** has made highly significant contributions globally to the field of laboratory medicine. Her contributions to paediatric laboratory medicine are well recognized, as are her contributions to the stature and influence of the IFCC: she has been the only woman President in 65 years, since IFCC was founded. She has contributed her time and expertise toward the advancement of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine. She has volunteered her time through active leadership and participation in the programs of many professional societies including, AACC, IFCC, NACB, CLSI and IAPLM. She has given lectures in forty seven countries as a member of IFCC, and is well known as an outstanding educator.

Worthy of special merit is her work on behalf of developing countries as an IFCC leader and lecturer, fundraiser and most importantly as a mentor who hosted many individuals from developing countries at her home institution. **Dr. Hicks** has truly been an "ambassador to the world": she has not just contributed to the promotion of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine; she has brought an understanding of the field to a world community in unique ways.

Prof. Howard MORRIS, IFCC President-Elect and Chair, IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in selecting **Doctor Jocelyn Hicks** for the **2017 IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Services.** She has had a remarkable career in the field of clinical chemistry

and laboratory medicine, with major contributions to the IFCC and other professional societies worldwide. In particular her work in developing countries laid the basis for founding the African Federation of Clinical Chemistry makes her an outstanding candidate”.

The 2017 IFCC Awardees are a witness of the contribution that IFCC gives to advancement of excellence in laboratory medicine for better healthcare worldwide. **Dr Hicks**, along with seven other IFCC Distinguished Award winners will be formally announced on Sunday 22nd October at the Opening Ceremony of the 23rd IFCC International Congress in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine being held in Durban (South Africa) from 22st to 25th October 2017.

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