

Doctor Rojeet SHRESTHA selected to receive the 2017 IFCC Young Investigator Award

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 Rojeet SHRESTHA** (MT, M.Sc., PhD, Faculty of Health Sciences, Hokkaido University, Japan), **is the winner of the 2017 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.

Dr. Shrestha started his career in laboratory medicine in his early 20's involved in research work related to the immunological and molecular aspect of mycobacterial diseases. He worked in the clinical trial to improve the diagnosis of leprosy collaborating with world-renowned international institutions like Centre for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC). He has demonstrated outstanding performance throughout his professional career and inspired other young medical scientists with several publications as a lead author in prestigious journals in the field and has been recognized with several prestigious awards. These include the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry's distinguished abstract award (2013), Japanese Society of Clinical Chemistry (JSCC)'s paper award (2015), American Association for Clinical Chemistry (AACC) Division Award for Excellence in Research (2015), and Asia-Pacific Federation for Clinical Biochemistry (APFCB)'s Young Scientist Award (2016). He is an associate fellow from US National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry (NACB). He also active member in several academic and professional societies and editor of several journals.

Prof. Howard MORRIS, IFCC President-Elect and Chair, IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in electing **Dr Rojeet Shrestha** for **2017 IFCC Young Investigator Award**. He has a remarkable career in the field of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine, and despite his young age he is an already experienced and committed scientist. I believe that he well deserves the 2017 IFCC Young Investigator Award."

The 2017 IFCC Awardees are a witness of the contribution that IFCC gives to advancement of excellence in laboratory medicine for better healthcare worldwide. **Doctor Shrestha**, 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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