

IFCC Distinguished Clinical Chemist 2011 Award Professor Ulf-Håkan STENMAN

Milan, 12th April 2011 - IFCC, the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide, today announced that Professor Ulf-Håkan STENMAN, Dept. of Clinical Chemistry, Helsinki University, Finland, is the winner of the 2011 IFCC Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award.

The 2011 IFCC Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award, sponsored by Beckman Coulter, 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.

Ulf-Håkan Stenman, Professor emeritus, M.D., has made a lasting impact on clinical chemistry through his research on tumor markers, endocrinology and on immunoassay development and standardization. As the chairman of the working group for standardization of hCG assays of the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC), he introduced value assignment of protein hormones in molar concentrations. This work led to the introduction of six new hCG preparations that have been approved by WHO as new reference reagents. He also was as a member of the working group for standardization of PSA assays, which resulted in WHO standards for free and complexed PSA.

Prof. Chris Lam, Chairman IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in electing Professor Stenman for the 2011 IFCC Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award. Professor Stenman has had a remarkable career in the field of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine. His outstanding contributions to diagnostic assay standardization and development have led to improved quality in numerous clinical laboratories. His research and original scientific discoveries in endocrinology and tumor markers have led to better healthcare worldwide".

The 2011 IFCC Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award will be conferred on Sunday 15th May in the Opening Ceremony of the 21st IFCC International Congress in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, to be held in Berlin from 15th to 19th May 2011.

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