

2011 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care Professor Ronald J. A. WANDERS

Milan, 12th April 2011 - IFCC, the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide, today announced that Professor Ronald J. A. WANDERS, Academic Medical Center, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, is the winner of the 2011 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care.

The 2011 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care, sponsored by IFCC, recognizes specifically an individual who has made unique contributions in Laboratory Medicine, its application in improving patient care, and having a worldwide impact in clinical medicine.

Ronald J. A. Wanders, Professor Clinical Enzymology of Inherited Metabolic Diseases, has a vast input of knowledge to the understanding of peroxisomal and mitochondrial diseases. He has been responsible for the first description, characterization and pathophysiological basis for many diseases of these organelles. His co-operation with the departments of pediatrics is a guarantee that his research has found valuable applications in direct patient care.

Prof. Chris Lam, Chairman IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in electing Professor Wanders for the 2011 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care. The combination of scientific research and the translation of its results to the understanding of metabolic diseases for the good of many (mostly juvenile) patients make Professor Wanders very special. His research and original scientific discoveries have led to better healthcare worldwide".

The 2011 IFCC Distinguished Award for Laboratory Medicine and Patient Care 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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