

2011 IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics Professor Michael NEUMAIER

Milan, 12th April 2011 - IFCC, the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide, today announced that Professor Michael Neumaier, University Medicine Mannheim Institute for Clinical Chemistry, Mannheim, Germany is the winner of the 2011 IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics.

The 2011 IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics, sponsored by Abbott Molecular, recognizes specifically an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of molecular biology and its applications in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide.

Professor Neumaier has since 1996 been very active in establishing external quality assurance programs for molecular diagnostics (EQAP). He initiated and conducted a program on genotyping that is now the largest molecular EQAP in Europe serving over 270 laboratories in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia. He also successfully contributed to the implementation of ring trials on quantitative rtPCR and designed first DNA sequencing trials in 2005. Prof Neumaier's laboratory has been designated an IFCC reference laboratory for Molecular Diagnostics. He has led the organization of several important educational courses and meetings on molecular diagnostics. As chair of the IFCC "Committee for Clinical Molecular Biology Curriculum (C-CMBC)", he initiated a new workshop programme offering comprehensive training that aims to enable clinical laboratories to design, set up, perform and validate genotyping assays for their own Molecular Diagnostics portfolio.

Prof. Chris Lam, Chairman IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in electing Professor Neumaier for the 2011 IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics. He has truly made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of Molecular Biology and the applications of Molecular Diagnostics in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide."

The 2011 IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics 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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