

Associate Professor Susan BRANFORD selected to receive the 2017 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics.

Milan, 28 April 2017 - The IFCC, the international leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, is pleased to announce that **Associate Professor Susan BRANFORD** (Department of Genetics and Molecular Pathology, Centre for Cancer Biology, SA Pathology, South Australia, Australia), **is the winner of the 2017 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics, sponsored by ABBOTT Diagnostics.** This award honours 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. The IFCC is very pleased to acknowledge the support from Abbott Diagnostics in the recognition of scientists and educators with a distinguished career in this area.

Ass. Professor Branford has made significant contributions to health outcomes and management of patients with Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia (CML). She developed molecular techniques to assess treatment response and drug resistance. These results correlate with patient outcome and such data now govern therapeutic decisions. She is a leader in international efforts for molecular method standardisation and reporting on a common scale, which have been adopted internationally and incorporated into international clinical practice guidelines to optimise patient outcomes. **Prof. Branford** is recognised as a leading national and international authority in molecular monitoring for patients with CML.

Prof. Howard MORRIS, IFCC President-Elect and Chair, IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted to select **Ass. Professor Susan Branford** as the **2017 IFCC Distinguished Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics Awardee**. She has a remarkable career in the field of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine, and has made ongoing contributions to the profession by providing specialist and authoritative advisory services on aspects of scientific research and development in molecular monitoring. She is thus without doubt worthy of receiving the prestigious IFCC Distinguished Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics 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. **Ass. Professor Susan Branford** 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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