

## **Professor Mathias M. MÜLLER selected to receive the 2017 IFCC-Robert Schaffer Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Development of Standards for Use in Laboratory Medicine**

**Milan, 28 April 2017** - The IFCC, the international leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, is pleased to announce that **Professor Matthias M. MÜLLER** (Director Emeritus of the Institute of Laboratory Diagnostics at the Kaiser Franz Josef Hospital and the Preyer Children's Hospital, Vienna, Austria), **is the winner of the 2017 IFCC-Robert Schaffer Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Development of Standards for Use in Laboratory Medicine, co-sponsored by Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI) and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)**. This award honours an individual who has made outstanding and unique contributions to the advancement of reference methods and/or reference materials for laboratory medicine to facilitate improved quality of clinical diagnostics and therapies, which would in turn lead to reduced costs and improved patient care. The IFCC is very pleased to acknowledge the support from CLSI-NIST in the recognition of scientists and educators with a distinguished career in this area.

**Prof. Müller** has greatly contributed to the promotion of reference methods and materials in his roles as Chair of the Scientific Division of IFCC and later as its President. He was largely responsible for assembling infrastructure for the adaption of metrological principles to laboratory medicine including the collaboration agreements between the former Institute of Reference Materials and Methods (IRMM) and CLSI with the IFCC so that each of these organizations could work in tandem leveraging the unique strengths of each working together. He was also a driving force in supporting the Joint Committee for Traceability in Laboratory Medicine (JCTLM) which furthers meaningful standardization work in our domain. His article played a key role in developing and articulating the principles of sound metrological principles and a plan of action to improve analytical accuracy in medical laboratories.

**Prof. Howard MORRIS**, IFCC President-Elect and Chair, IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted to select **Prof. Müller** as the 2017 IFCC-Robert Schaffer Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Development of Standards for Use in Laboratory Medicine Awardee. He has had a remarkable career in the field of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine, and his outstanding contributions have led to improved quality in clinical laboratories and better healthcare worldwide. He is thus a most deserving candidate for the IFCC Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award 2017."

The 2017 IFCC Awardees are a witness of the contribution that IFCC gives to advancement of excellence in laboratory medicine for better healthcare worldwide. **Professor Müller** along with seven other IFCC Distinguished Award winners will be formally announced on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at the Opening Ceremony of the 23<sup>rd</sup> IFCC International Congress in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine being held in Durban (South Africa) from 22<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

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