

## **Professor Nader RIFAI selected to receive the 2017 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education**

**Milan, 28 April 2017** - The IFCC, the international leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, is pleased to announce that **Prof. Nader RIFAI** (Department of Laboratory Medicine, Boston Children's Hospital, US), **is the winner of the 2017 Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education, sponsored by Abbott**. This award honours an individual who has made extraordinary contributions in establishing and developing educational materials for our discipline to improve training and educational programs worldwide or in a region. 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.

**Prof. Rifai** has made numerous contributions towards the education of individuals worldwide and has pioneered many innovative education tools. As the Editor-in Chief of Clinical Chemistry he has expanded the international reach of the journal as an educational tool. To date, over 1600 articles have been translated to one of 15 languages. He was the driving force behind many new educational tools that benefit training programs and students. He created the Clinical Chemistry Trainee Council, a web-based, and free of charge educational program for trainees and mentors in laboratory medicine. As Editor of the current edition of the Tietz Textbook of Clinical Chemistry, he is pioneering a modern experience to textbook publishing and usage by linking the textbook to cloud-based electronic learning tools.

**Prof. Howard MORRIS**, IFCC President-Elect and Chair, IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in selecting **Professor Nader Rifai** for the **2017 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education**. He has a remarkable career in the field of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine, and his efforts in delivering education in laboratory medicine by tailoring contents and formats effective for individuals across different stages of career and across the globe is unprecedented. I really believe that Dr Rifai is a most worthy recipient of the IFCC 2017 Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education."

The 2017 IFCC Awardees are a witness of the contribution that IFCC gives to advancement of excellence in laboratory medicine for better healthcare worldwide. **Doctor Rifai**, 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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