

Doctor Andrea FERREIRA-GONZALEZ selected to receive the 2020 IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics

Milan, 24 April 2020 - The IFCC, the international leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, is pleased to announce that **Dr Andrea FERREIRA-GONZALEZ** (Molecular Diagnostics Division, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA - USA), has been selected to receive the [IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics, sponsored by Abbott Molecular](#). This award honours an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of molecular biology and its application in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide. The IFCC is very pleased to acknowledge the support from [Abbott Molecular](#) in the recognition of scientists and educators with a distinguished career in this area.

Dr Ferreira-Gonzalez has devoted over 25 years to the development of the field of Molecular Diagnostics for which she has been recognized nationally and internationally. She helped shaping clinical molecular diagnostics practices through her involvement in guideline development with the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (MM-6A1 and MM9A1) and involvement with AACC's task force on advisability of creating a certifying examination in clinical molecular diagnostics. She has actively participated in several national and international associations that play key roles in improving clinical laboratory practice, education, and translational research. Dr Ferreira-Gonzalez is a founding member of the molecular diagnostics field. She has contributed significantly to the technical, clinical, and regulatory aspects of molecular diagnostics and she continues to be a voice for laboratories around the world engaged in this testing.

Prof. Maurizio FERRARI, IFCC President and Chair IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in selecting **Dr Andrea FERREIRA-GONZALEZ** for the **2020 IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics**. 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. I really believe that Dr Ferreira-Gonzalez is a most worthy recipient of the **2020 IFCC Award for Significant Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics**".

The 2020 IFCC Awardees are a witness of the contribution that IFCC gives to advancement of excellence in laboratory medicine for better healthcare worldwide. **Doctor Ferreira-Gonzalez** along with nine other IFCC Distinguished Award winners will be formally announced on Wednesday 6th January 2021 at the Opening Ceremony of the 24th WorldLab - IFCC International Congress in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine to be held in Seoul (South Korea) from 6th to 10th January 2021.

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