

2011 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education Doctor Mary BURRITT

Milan, 12th April 2011 - IFCC, the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide, today announced that Doctor Mary BURRITT, Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, Mayo Clinic, Arizona, United States, is the winner of the 2011 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education.

The 2011 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education, sponsored by Abbott Diagnostics, recognizes specifically an individual who has made extraordinary contributions in establishing and developing educational materials for the Clinical Chemistry discipline to improve training and educational programs worldwide or in a region.

Doctor Mary Burritt, Ph D, FACB has been extremely active in the educational field. She served as Clinical Chemistry Fellowship Director at the Mayo Clinic, and as the Associate Dean at the Mayo School of Health Sciences. She has served for many years in a variety of IFCC committees with strong commitment to education, including as Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of the Education and Management Division. She has also been very active in a number of international standards setting organizations, as Chair of the Area Committee on Clinical Chemistry for the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (formerly NCCLS), and the ISO TC 212 effort. She has been a leader of a number of organizations, including the American Association of University Women, AACC, and NACB. She has won many awards for her activities, including the Global Leadership Award from CLSI, the Lifetime Achievement Award from AACC, and the Professor Alvin Dubin Award from NACB.

Prof. Chris Lam, Chairman IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in electing Dr Mary Burritt for the 2011 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education. The depth of her expertise and ability is evident by the number of administrative and consultative positions she has held in professional societies and industry scientific advisory boards. Dr. Burritt is renowned internationally as a speaker in the topics of electrolytes, blood gas, pre-analytic variation, and alternative methodologies/near-patient testing. She is a leader, researcher, mentor and above all a distinguished educator who richly deserves for receiving the 2011 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education."

The 2011 IFCC Award for Distinguished Contributions in Education 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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