

2011 IFCC Young Investigator Award Professor Rossa CHIU

Milan, 12th April 2011 - IFCC, the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide, today announced that Professor Rossa CHIU, Department of Chemical Pathology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China, is the winner of the 2011 IFCC Young Investigator Award

The 2011 IFCC Young Investigator Award, sponsored by Roche, recognizes and encourages the academic and professional development of a young investigator (under 40 years of age) who has demonstrated exceptional scientific achievements in Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine in his/her career.

Professor Rossa Chiu, now at her mid thirties, has started research in 1999. In just over a decade, she has published over 100 peer reviewed journal articles on circulating nucleic acids in internationally renowned high impact journals. She played a key role in transforming the discovery of circulating foetal nucleic acids into the reality of non-invasive prenatal diagnosis. Her significant contributions to non-invasive prenatal diagnosis include the non-invasive prenatal diagnosis of autosomal recessive diseases, such as beta-thalassemia, the first development of non-invasive methods for the direct detection of fetal trisomy 21, and the establishing of standard protocols for maternal plasma nucleic acids analysis.

Prof. Chris Lam, Chairman IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in electing Professor Chiu for the 2011 IFCC Young Investigator Award. Her academic credentials and achievements are most outstanding. In her relatively short academic career she has already made a number of important contributions to the new field of non-invasive prenatal diagnosis. We are confident that she will be able to inspire a new generation of clinician-scientists worldwide".

The 2011 IFCC Young Investigator Award 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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