

IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Services Doctor Carl BURTIS

Milan, 12th April 2011 - IFCC, the leading organization in the field of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine worldwide, today announced that Dr Carl BURTIS, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, United States, is the winner of the 2011 IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Services.

The 2011 IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Services, sponsored by Siemens, recognizes specifically an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine throughout the world.

Dr Carl Burtis is widely respected and recognized in the field of Clinical Chemistry for his expertise and services, including as lead Editor for the last several editions of the Tietz Textbook and Fundamentals of Clinical Chemistry. He has done much to advance the profession globally, having been active in many international organizations, including the IFCC as Vice-President and Chair of the Scientific Division. He has served as National Representative to the International Union for Pure and Applied Chemistry and on various committees such as the Board of Directors for the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (formerly NCCLS). In addition, he has held numerous leadership positions with American organizations, including as President of the AACC.

Prof. Chris Lam, Chairman IFCC Awards Committee, said: "We are delighted in electing Dr Carl Burtis for the 2011 IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Services. This honoree has made tremendous unique and outstanding contributions in the promotion of clinical chemistry and laboratory medicine throughout the world. It has been a privilege considering him and other international nominees for this distinguished award."

The 2011 IFCC Henry Wishinsky Award for Distinguished International Services, 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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