

Rules for nomination of the EFCC – Roche Scientific Award for Laboratory Medicine

1. Purpose

This award has been created to honour an individual, who is a member of an EFCC National Society, and who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of clinical chemistry throughout Europe or who has made one or more contributions that have had a major impact on clinical chemistry.

2. Criteria

The nominee's role in promoting clinical chemistry on European basis or his or her contributions should be well-known and demonstrated by measurable outputs e.g. scientific or clinical achievements, policy creation, quality initiatives, etc.

The award is given on the occasion of the biennial Euromedlab Congress of Clinical Chemistry.

3. Application

Nominations will be solicited at least 6 months prior to the Euromedlab Congress by:

- a. Letter from the EFCC President to the National Presidents and Representatives of EFCC Member States
- b. Announcements to the EFCC Journal, Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine including the information concerning the application procedure
- c. Announcements on the EFCC and IFCC websites and on the website of the Euromedlab Congress

The procedure for nominations includes the followings:

- The nominated individual must be from a National Society which is a member of EFCC and who fulfils the criteria and purpose of this award.
- None of the officers of the EFCC Board are eligible for the Award during their tenure of office.
- Nomination must be made through a formal letter submitted by a National Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine Society that is a full member of EFCC. The EFCC Executive Board would encourage nominations of individuals from a country different from that of the nominating society.
- Applications must include a statement as to the reasons for the nomination, highlighting the accomplishments of the individual which warrant the nomination.
- Each nomination must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae of the nominee including a bibliography demonstrating the individual's scientific or professional achievements.
- The nominee needs not be aware that a nomination has been made on her or his behalf.
- The nomination must contain a statement that the individual was not nominated in the same year for any other EFCC or IFCC award.
- Nominations and all supporting documents must be in English and submitted electronically.
- All nominations must be sent by 15 January of the year of the Euromedlab Congress to the Secretary of EFCC.

4. Selection and notification of decision

- The EFCC Executive Board will compose an Award Committee, which acts as an independent jury for the evaluation of the nominees.
- The EFCC secretary will summarize and distribute all nominations to the Award Committee.
- The nominee, who receives the highest marks, acquires the award.
- The successful nominee, the EFCC and IFCC Executive Board, as well as the IFCC Awards Committee will be informed of the decision at least two months before the Awards ceremony.
- The Award will be announced and handed over at the Euromedlab Congress at a ceremony that is jointly arranged by the local congress organizing committee and EFCC.

5. Award

The award is financially supported by Roche Diagnostics with an amount of CHF 10.000.

