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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As you are aware, the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine presents several awards to clinical chemists, laboratory physicians and scientists, and others who work in the field of clinical chemistry, laboratory medicine, and clinical laboratory science. These awards are presented to recognize the outstanding achievements by these individuals; to make the scientific community and general public aware of exceptional contributions by them to scientific research and development and the improvement of health care; and to stimulate and encourage other scientists and laboratorians to accelerate their efforts to contribute to the advancement of the field of clinical laboratory medicine and science.

On behalf of the IFCC Awards Committee, I am pleased to announce a Call for Nominations for the 2008 IFCC awards that will be presented on the occasion of the International Congress of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine that will convene in Fortaleza, Brazil on 28 September - 2 October 2008. Please note that the deadline for the receipt of nominations is January 15, 2008.

Federation awards to be presented at the Congress include the following:

1. IFCC Distinguished Clinical Chemist Award

Recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the science of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine or the application of clinical chemistry to the understanding or solution of medical problems. The award is sponsored by Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics

2. IFCC Henry Wishinsky Distinguished International Services Award

Honours an individual who has made unique contributions to the promotion and understanding of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine throughout the world. The award is sponsored by Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics

3. IFCC Distinguished Award for Contributions in Education

Honours an individual who has made extraordinary contributions in establishing and developing educational material for our discipline to improve training and educational programs world-wide or in a region. The award is sponsored by Beckman Coulter.

4. IFCC Distinguished Award for Contributions in Molecular Diagnostics.

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 throughout the world. This Award is sponsored by Abbott Molecular Diagnostics.

5. IFCC Distinguished Award For Laboratory Medicine And Patient Care

Honours an individual who has made unique contributions in Laboratory Medicine, its application in improving patient care and having a world-wide impact in clinical medicine. This Award is sponsored by Ortho Clinical Diagnostics.

6. IFCC/NIST/CLSI Distinguished Award For Standards In Laboratory Medicine

Honours an individual who has made unique contributions to the advancement of reference methods and/or reference materials for laboratory medicine, thereby improving the quality of clinical diagnostics and therapies, reducing costs of patient care, and promoting internationally recognized and accepted equivalence of measurements and traceability to appropriate measurement standards. This Award is sponsored by the U.S. National Institute for Standards and Technology and the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute.

For each individual nominated, a nomination package needs to be submitted that contains a (1) statement as to the reasons for the nomination, highlighting the accomplishments of the individual, which warrant the nomination and (2) complete curriculum vitae of the nominee including a bibliography. Letters of support for specific nominations are welcomed. This documentation together with the nominating letter should be in English. The nominee need not be aware that a nomination has been made on her or his behalf. The officers of the IFCC or members of the IFCC Awards Committee are not eligible for the award during their tenure of office.

Nominations should be mailed (in printed as well as in the electronic form by email) to Professor Vladimir PALICKA, (copy to Paola Bramati in the IFCC office at paola.bramati@ifcc.org) chair of the IFCC Awards Committee before **January 15, 2008** at the following address:

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Respectfully yours,

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